DRUMOAK SCHOOL COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of Meeting – 10 September 2019

PRESENT: J Boyd, L Cowie, J Currie, M Fraser, J Johnson, K Lennox, L McCauley, G McPetrie, S McTaggart, L Service, M Slater, S Smithers, T Stopper, G Sutherland, D Wallace, E Windle.



APOLOGIES: V Anderson, L MacKinnon, M McNeil, V Stewart, F Thomson

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by email, in advance of the meeting.

School Council Display Board

JC plans to put together a School Council display board, in time for the Parent/Teacher Interviews, in October. MF will assist with this.

ACTION JC & MF

Meeting Topics for 2019/2020

Meeting dates were proposed at the June meeting – these are in the school calendar and on the website – to be approved at AGM.

In previous years, a main focus for each meeting was agreed at the start of the year. This will be planned at the next meeting and ideas will be welcomed.

The focus for the next meeting will be Community Links, in preparation for hopefully utilising some of the skills in the community, to provide a range of Friday activities for the pupils. Before the next meeting, members asked to consider ideas for this and ways to reach out for volunteers.

ACTION ALL

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School Photographs

LS to check last year's calendar, to find out when these were carried out, and select a date for a similar time of the year.

ACTION LS

Class group photographs (Nursery, P1 & P7) will be in the final term.

Individuals/Siblings/After School Family photographs will be arranged in time for photographs to be returned by Christmas.

Some nursery parents were unhappy with the photograph – they felt there was too much white space at the top (and children chopped at the legs) and that the children were out of proportion (taken in small groups but put back together so that some were closer up than others). GM fed this back to Deeside Photographics, who were very apologetic and happy to rectify if used again.

Decision was made to use Deeside Photographics again, but to liaise with Logan, ahead of the class photographs in the final term, to clarify what is required.

Follow Up on Request for Sponsorship for Heinemann Active Maths

It was suggested at the last meeting that sponsorship from Oil and Gas related companies, may be an option for the purchase of Heinemann Active Maths.

KL had enquired about a family link, but this was unsuccessful. KL to follow up on two other suggestions.

ACTION KL

JC to approach Wellgear, who have set up locally.

ACTION JC

If no leads prove successful, LC to investigate if a grant could cover this.

ACTION LC

Fun Run

EW proposed a Fun Run be organised (similar to the Dunecht Dash, which is a good fundraiser for Dunecht Primary) for the school.

This could be tied in with the fun day, when lots of people already attend – a 5k and a run for children.

It was suggested that this be held before the football begins, to allow everyone to participate. EW and GC will pursue this and also liaise with Junior Jog leaders.

ACTION EW & GC

Fundraising Update

Ladies day is in hand for 5 October. DW to let everyone know if and when help is needed with ACTION DW setting up etc.

GM to check if there are raffle books left over from previous events.

ACTION GM

Tea Towels proposed as fundraiser – DW, KL and SS to liaise with staff to find a suitable time to help children with this, in school.

ACTION DW, SS & KL

Christmas Cards will be organised this year – GM to investigate costs with different companies ACTION GM and pursue. Designs will be completed as an optional homework task.

The Bowling Club has been booked for the Race Night on 7 March. Khyber Pass are unavailable this time, but DW has this in hand.

LS is unavailable for the proposed Fun Day date, JC to approach Scott Bichan, to ask if 16 May will fit with the John Lawrie Cup. 16 May has since been approved and will go ahead.

ACTION JC

Two cinema events will be organised, these will be free events, as discussed at the last meeting. Dates for these are:

ACTION JC & GM, next term

Sunday 22 January 4.00 pm Friday 28 February 6.00 pm

GM and JC happy to take the lead on these. TS volunteered her husband for the technical side of this.

Head Teacher's Report

LS delivered a presentation about the year ahead, at a meeting for parents, on Friday. This was shared with all parents, via email, on Monday.

LS discussed with staff, the areas of development which may require support from the school council – funding and volunteers for events/activities. (See list on attached sheet) LS will investigate the costs of the listed items, and share with the group.

ACTION LS

The head of Aberdeenshire's library service will meet with LS about the organisation of the library and putting in place a digital system. Parents will be required to act as class librarians and to support class visits to the library.

A 'Maths Breakfast' is planned for Wednesday 2 October. KL, JJ, MS, MF, SS & GM will organise the breakfast. GM to check for other volunteers, by e-mail. It was suggested that local supermarkets be approached for donations of food supplies for this.

ACTION GM

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>

To be shared at AGM

Correspondence

Connect documents/Insurance certificates etc have been sent out. GM is still the named contact. GM to complete forms to change this to EW.

ACTION GM

AOCB

Aldi Sports Kit – Aldi are issuing stickers to shoppers, which can be added to a poster in school (once registered). A small number of large cash prizes can be won. All participating schools, who complete their poster, can earn sports equipment/kit. LC to sign up. LS to inform parents, in Monday newsletter.

ACTION LC & LS