



School Council Meeting
09/03/2021

Apologies- Kirsty Baily, Marion Slater (stepping down), Lyn Cowie, Susan Smithers, Leah MacCaulay

Present- Lynn Service, Jenny Currie, Gillian McPetrie, Kirsty Lennox, Tanya Stopper, Emma Windle, Marion McNeill, Pamela Cameron, Donna Wallace, Kirsty Lennox, Susan Cantley

1. Chairs Report

- Ragbag full again! Was emptied three weeks ago, paid £80 for first lot. JC has enquired about getting a bigger one/ second one, but going to see if it continues to be filled at this rate or not.
- Thoughts on spending the £200 for food bank, LS reported that Mrs Redman is working on that with pupils- needs to be spent by end of month.
- Also reminder that Malissa and Jenny stepping down as chair and vice- chair end of year and Lyn Cowie stepping down as treasurer also. Call to go out for anyone who would be interested. JC has started writing a note to go into newsletter, poster for Facebook page, will also send round what's app groups, highlight also that not just for mums, dads can join too.

2. Fundraising update

- Orchid cocktail night raised £317.27 after prize and paypal fees taken off. Great night!
- Squares for handbag running at the moment, slow response but will keep going.
- GS mentioned a 'Makin the dough' pizza night for kids. Kids make pizza and for every kit bought school gets £4 (out of £18). Would be social for kids. All in agreement worth gauging interest. DW and GS will arrange, suggested perhaps last day of term.

3. Head teachers report

- School role= 126, 24 in nursery- full
- Nursery back and in 9-3, going well, they are going for school lunch and that's going well.
- Jane Kerridge additional support for covid recovery over next couple of years. She's been helping children get back and settled. Mrs Grieve expecting a baby and going off in May, Mrs Stutter will take over class full time, will need to get someone in to do science.
- Chrome books arrived this week and are ready to use. LS is sorting out logistics of how these will be used. All the other IT equipment is 5+years old so hoping that it will be refreshed.
- Primary 1-3 back in school, been good having them back, working on vision and values and behaviour in playground. Doing well in classroom.

- Primary 4-7 back on Monday. As a whole the children did very well online and continued to progress, they are where they need to be. Those who are struggling are getting extra help.
- Message to everyone is about following simple rules (FACTS) – parents, teachers and children- school are strict with this, have re-established regular hand washing with kids.
- Staggered lunch time and bubbles will be re-established when older children come back.
- Sponsored spell at the start of year for reading books, this money has been spent- approx. £3000 of reading material ordered and arriving.
- Some planning for term four has started, looking at how sports day and leaving assembly will look, not likely to be back to normal by then but will wait and see.
- KL wondered if there was a way that work from school could be shared back at home, like seesaw used to ?glow blog. LS will investigate.

4. Treasurer report

- Bank balance- £2350 (£200 ring fenced for the food bank and £290 for parent council that we need to think how to spend).
- Paypal working well, bank account is perhaps worth changing when new treasurer/ chair take over as not working so well.
- £40 spend on annual licence for raffle type fundraising
- £317 profit from the Orchid cocktail night
- Cheque from Lego club still needing banked (due to lockdown- KL has now got cheque and will bank it)
- Cheque to the school for laptops still needs banked- LS reported that this is due to people who collect money from school being delayed, will be collected end of March.

5. Correspondence

- Swap shop for school uniform- great idea fundraising and recycling, would involve a bit of work around itemising pieces and putting up on Facebook at the moment. GMC wondered if there could be a wee stall that people could sign up for times to come and look round. Leave for now and consider bringing forward later in year.
- Connect updates

6. AOCB- thank you to Marion Slater and Vicky Anderson for all of their help with the school council over the years.

Next meeting- Tuesday 4th May at 1930.