



DRUMOAK SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes Meeting- 14/9/2021

1. Apologies- Kathryn Donaldson, Kirsty Lennox, Donna Wallace
2. Present- Lynn Service, Jenny Currie, Emma Windle, Sharon Wilkinson, Gemma Sutherland, Susan Cantley, Gillian McPetrie, Antoinette Lass
3. Chairs Report
 - Nothing much to report as just back.
 - Thanked JC for all of her effort over the past three years.
4. Head teachers report
 - School roll- 133, increase of 12 from last year. Nursery- 24, nursery currently full
 - No positive covid cases as yet, lots of testing going on
 - Improvement plan- looking ahead for next year- raising attainment in literacy and numeracy. In writing, will be talk for training in non -fiction for Nov in-service (with 8 other schools so will need to see if this can go ahead). Focus on higher order skills in reading- putting more work into reading skills. School library looking great, ready to go. LS would like to have a parent librarian to come in each week when allowed people in school. Higher order thinking skills for maths, getting the challenge for pupils and push level of thinking. Continuing to look at resources in maths. Pace and challenge in maths- ensuring right for all pupils.
 - Computers being well used, classes using technology in lots of different ways.
 - Tracking and monitoring up and running, mapping assessments/ progress throughout school. Also looking at support that is given to children and that correct support is in place at the correct time. Will be discussed with parents at parent meetings, but mainly in place for the teachers.
 - GIRFEC toolkit- training for staff and focus on autism and ADHD
 - Current topic is climate change for whole school, pupils enthusiastic about this. Hoping if allowed to have an enterprise where parents are allowed back into school. Likely in Dec and Christmas based but linked to climate change. As part of climate change have been looking at school and looking at playground. Primary 7's are doing a competition with Bank of Scotland to design a top trumps card regarding climate change. Looking at ground around football pitch to develop into e.g. outdoor classroom/ eco area- big project but thinking long term.
 - IBA homework award- part of homework for whole school, not opt in/ out. There will also be IBA club for children who can't do it at home- primary 7's and Mrs Service will support.
 - Pupil groups starting in January, pupil council back up and running.

- P7's doing citizenship award- enthusiastic and helping younger pupils, support PSA team, taking it in turns, will do various duties throughout year and then get a citizenship award at the end of the year. Increased responsibility for p7 and good focus.
- Ideas for funding- Heinemann active maths digital license, Twinkle subscription, badges for House achievements, Santa presents p1-3, support climate change initiatives, playground development, library support. LS will confirm costs and even if school council can help with one.

5. Treasurer report

6. Fundraising report

- Ragbag getting collected, 6th payment come through at least £400 through.
- Uniform swap was successful and hopefully will be rolled out at parents evening in the future too. Donations of £20 to school. Gillian will sort through remaining clothes.
- Fun run this weekend- run or walk 2km, 5km, 10km and donate to school to get money, LS will mention at assembly and will put in school newsletter.
- DW going to struggle with Tuesday evenings going forward, and is trying to recruit more people to help in the fundraising team. EW will put something in the p1 what's app group.
- DW planning on Christmas raffle, parents night out in Feb/ March, ladies day in Oct and fun day as normal. Will check with Shirley Ann Gordon about football event date for date of fun day.

7. Correspondence

- Elaine Ingram at nursery asked if we would fund an outdoor tap, quote for £250, some concerns that it could be switched on out of hours, but they will have a valve on inside of building so it will be able to be turned off out of hours.
- SC wondered if school council could offer bursaries for school clubs if needed, particularly Drumotters as more expensive than others. School council may be more discrete rather than talking to a parent in playground etc. LS could offer to families who may benefit from it, but also mentions that transport can be an issue so for Drumotters would need transport too. SC mentions that through word of mouth lifts usually available. Church has been very supportive and look for ways of supporting families in need in Drumoak and would be keen to know of children in Drumoak who could benefit. LS will speak to Church too. Cost is £60 per child (and £40 for any siblings), Drumotters can also contribute. AL asks if Church would sponsor children so they didn't have to worry about fees and LS thinks they would, will chat to them. GM wonders about a bit in the school handbook with links to who to contact for extra- curricular clubs. SC to let LS know when spaces available at Drumotters.

8. AOCB

