



DRUMOAK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

29th October 2019, 1830

MINUTES

1. Present- Jenny Currie, Emma Windle, Donna Wallace, Lynn Service, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kirsty Lennox, Gillian McPetrie, Tanya Stopper, Douglas Cairns, Marion Slater

Apologies - Janine Johnson, Vicky Anderson, Vicky Stewart, Gemma Sutherland, Lyn Cowie, Marion McNeil, Leah McCauley, Jean Boyd, Susan Smithers

2. Chair's report

-sharing assembly- two people coming to do refreshments for each sharing assembly

-20 zone signs up, and flashing, timings not right, but up- JC will log with council

-Aldi poster complete

- parents evening volunteers thanked- few comments in which JC will collate

Action- JC

3. Community engagement - pupil groups are more of a focus for this year, LS considering a piece in the newsletter, perhaps people from community coming in to read favourite story from when they were younger during world book week in March. Pupils from p7 will go to friendship club nearer Christmas. KL also suggested that the craft club that meets at the hall may be a useful resource. LS will ask in newsletter. Also school already has links with bowling club and Drum Garden Centre.

Action- LS

4. Lego club - update from TS- Monday after school 3:15- 4:30pm, £1 per child, snack provided, drop off session, initially p1-4 pupils and 16 pupils a week. Four volunteers per session, but TS and DC can manage every week, so only two additional volunteers required each week. PVGs will be done and DC and TS will complete first aid certificates. There will be a 100 square raffle (donations kindly from Tarland toystore and Tesco Banchory) to raise money to cover some Lego, but also hoping for some donations. DC and TS are kindly covering their first aid courses themselves. RH suggested that we do p1-3 initially rather than p1-4 due to limitation on spaces. Volunteers able to bring siblings over the age of 3 years. LS will ask in newsletter for any donations of Lego. MS suggested finding out how Culter Lego club got theirs. Could fundraise if no donations available. GMc suggested that we could charge £2 a square, could sell at door of school show. TS will send email and we will forward to school for distribution to parents. In order to umbrella Lego club for insurance purposes JC has applied for PVGs and has drafted data protection and child protection policies which can be used for any club. TS will draft a specific Lego club policy.

Action- TS

5. Christmas arrangements

- Christmas parties- last year a lot of cake leftover, so to get mini cupcakes this year- DW will buy. Also need to buy juice, napkins and cups. Two volunteers for each party required. Mr Robertson happy to be Santa again, present for him to be bought again. P4-7 party- DW and JC, P1-3 party KL, SS, nursery ask parents for helpers separately.

Action- DW

- Plenty crackers for Christmas meal, but if more required LS to let school council know.

Action- LS

6. Music Tuition

Little provision for music through the council, so KL contacted the music school in Banchory to see if they could offer something. Music school in Banchory could offer group lessons, ideally they would prefer it to be done during school day as they have private lessons outwith school hours. They have previously worked with Midmar primary doing a Samba band with a class for eight weeks. Normally done through school as a class rather than tuition. One off session normally £80 or if a block £40/ hour. Currently in school- brass tuition, woodwind tuition, recorder and Kodaly (one term a year) and p5-7 will get Scottish Opera. One of the teachers was also considering starting a choir. GMc also suggested Charanga- useful for non- musical teachers to help teach music. KL will go back to Banchory music school and ask about group tuition which could be at lunchtime and we can then look at appetite amongst parents/ pupils.

Action- KL

7. Fundraising update

- tea- towels been done, will be sold at £4

- £2015 made from ladies afternoon, thanks given to DW for her hard work.

- Halloween disco led by Susan Cantley, next Friday, LS to forward email to parents, some chaperones required on the night. P1-3 6-7pm, then 7:15pm- 8:30pm p4-7. Free drink with £1.50 entry but there will be a tuck shop with penny sweets, tattoos and glow sticks. Fancy dress optional. JC will set up event on school council website. LS will be present. School photographer will be here that day and will still be here when younger disco is on.

- Photos- chaperone required to take children to photos- GMc will do. GMc has done schedule and will email round, p4/5 assembly on that day as well as disco.

Action- GMc, LS

8. Head teacher's report

- term 1 evaluation- vision and values well embedded, trying to make it part of every day, LS has done assemblies with focus on vision and values also. Children enthusiastic. Maths week went well, good buzz around school, maths breakfast went well, school now looking at moving that forward and keeping momentum going.

- recent in- service- focus on listening and talking, teachers given quality improvement diaries.

- literacy development- RH leading on, 'talk for writing', going to audit where school is on writing and where they want to be.

- maths- 'big maths'- mental maths, next in-service going to focus on this, also going to look at how maths is taught and quality of maths teaching and maths mastery. Starting pilot for 5min maths box next week.

- pupil groups- in second phase- four pupil group sessions each term, more focussed. Each group focuses on something different. One assembly will focus on which each group is doing. Working well. After pupils have been in a group for two terms may then move groups around.

- updating technology- laptops old and slow, may require updating. May be worth fundraising for chrome books in the future (£270 each).

- cluster day also coming up- additional support needs training
- annual pantomime on Fri 1st Nov, Pinnochio.
- p5 and p6/7 meeting with cluster
- school show- 'Christmas around the world'
- working on early years, Mrs McTaggart has a session a week in the nursery to help links with nursery. Nursery flooring and outdoor surface being upgraded in anticipation of longer hours. Senior nursery teacher been employed to look after Durris and Drumoak nurseries for longer hours.

9. Treasurer's report

- apologies from Lynn, approx. £3500 in bank (£2000 ring fenced for playground), and then further £2015 from ladies afternoon.
- requesting information about any upcoming expenses- Santa presents, juice, crackers, cake for Christmas parties. Footballs, space hoppers, pump with a needle.

Action- LC

10. Correspondence

- mentioned that academy bus situation sorted as pupils now have allocated bus.

11. AOCB

- Playground update, £2000 sitting to be spent, initial thoughts were to plant trees to build a windbreak but likely to be able to get grants for this and thinking is that it should go towards something that children can get something from. SS has gone to Caledonia who built the adventure playground to see what they could add to the adventure playground for £2000. PSAs asking more footballs, space hoppers and pump with a needle as hardly any left. School council to buy more, RH to ask how many and feedback over email.

Action- RH, SS

- School fair- Drumotters having to pay more for the pool so are requiring some funds. Wondering if each school club could have a stall and keep funds from that stall, would increase number of stalls. Just need to ensure that no repetition of stalls. Agreed good idea.

- Thank you's need to be sent to Morrison's, Angus and Oink, and Shell for maths breakfast- RH will ask class to make cards as a thank you. For funding for maths books KL has applied to companies but hasn't managed to get any more funding.

Action- RH, JC

12. Next meeting 14th January- topic= charity