

East Linton Primary School – Parent Council

General Meeting

Thursday 10th March, 7pm online

Minutes

1. Welcome, introductions & apologies
 - a. Present – Neil Morland (Interim Chairperson), Becca Bell, Deborah Stitt, Gill Gardner, Margaret McKay.
 - b. Apologies – Evie Thomas, Innes Jardine (Treasurer), Lyn Jardine (Chairperson), Kathryn Neill, Kirstin Snodgrass, Leigh Pleasance, Anne Hunter (Clerk)
2. Declarations of interests
 - a. None
3. Pupil presentation
 - a. Postponed due to teacher being absent as result of illness.
4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
 - a. Approved.
 - b. Gill Gardner confirmed some cook books remained unsold. Becca Bell volunteered to promote these after school one a date to be confirmed in the near future.
5. Finance report
 - a. None, due to absence of treasurer (Innes Jardine)
 - b. Bank account signatories remain in the name of the former treasurer (Jane Perkins). Neil Morland will liaise both the current and former Treasurers to expedite this matter.
6. Funding requests (agreed via email with all committee members)
 - a. Token for teach pupil to remember the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, of the sum of circa £200
 - b. Bedding plants for the planters at the front of the school, for the sum of £100

7. Chairs update

- a. Lyn Jardine is temporarily taking a leave of absence from the role of chairperson. Neil Morland will hold the post chairperson on an interim basis until June.

8. Head Teachers update

- a. Have been sharing in my weekly emails so everyone knows what is happening – some wonderful learning happening –
- b. We are just about to have another attainment meeting with council quality assurance colleague and hold tracking meetings with teachers to discuss each child individually
- c. We are currently continuing to work on UNCRC plan and Sustainability Plan
- d. Covid cases are spiking around the cluster – we are still being extra careful and will do so going forward
- e. Staffing has been very challenging lately – 4 members of the team off this week – I am so grateful to have people around me who have gone over and above to help
- f. Nursery staffing remains a real challenge – interviewing next week for a new Early Years Practitioner and a Support Worker – again , the nursery team have gone over and above and we have been lucky to get some supply
- g. Gardening etc - we discussed the need for some helping hands to get some tasks done
- h. App – Margaret explained about the very positive response to possible use of an app for communication

9. Fundraising

- a. Gill Gardiner agreed to compile a list of what things the school needs fund raising for. Gill Gardiner agreed to consult with East Lothian Council about whether or not it is permissible for the Parent Council to hold funding raising activities in East Linton Community Hall.
- b. Becca Bell agree to compile a list of the types of fun raising activities that could be carried.

10. Replacement School

- a. Neil Morland submitted a response on behalf of the Parent Council submitted.
- b. Awaiting further information from East Lothian Council on next steps

11. AOCB

- a. A discussion was had about the potential for a Parent Council representative for ASN and opportunities for parents of children with ASN to network and provide mutual support. Margret McKay agree to explore what happening in other schools.