



Supporting young people to grow in a vibrant and inclusive learning community

Minutes for Parent Council Meeting **Wednesday 28th April 2021**

Attendees:

Jo Legge, (head teacher), Gillian Rigbye, Keisha McCreath, Suzie Fletcher, Katie Armstrong, Juliette Harkins, Carol Robertson, Elaine Tait and Laura Bullen (clerk)

Apologies

Tricia Hilferty, Catherine Baird, Katie Welsh and Gillian Heavie.

Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved Keisha McCreath and Carol Robertson

Chairperson's Report

Keisha thanked all for attending and thanked all involved with the Easter Raffle – in particular Gillian and Jo for doing the draw, the raffle raised over £800. It was agreed that the pupils will have an input on what to spend the money raised on.

The Asda application has been submitted – Gillian has been informed that there is a backlog in applications but Asda will let her know their decision asap.

Keisha said that all were pleased with the path, she also advised that BeGreen had awarded the money for this inclusive of VAT which the school does not need to pay – BeGreen are happy for the PC to keep this money to spend on the school.

Tricia has been in contact with Home Hardware and Knox's for prices for gardening equipment as well as organising the potatoes for the children to plant. Tricia has also agreed to organise the P7 hoodies. Keisha thanked Tricia for all her work.

Treasurer's Report

The balance is currently £4911.59 with all outstanding payments up to date, however Carol is aware that the school needs to make some of the agreed purchases which are included in the current balance included in various grants. The RBS account is now closed with the remaining balance transferred to the new account.

- ❖ Laura to check with property department if PC can buy washing machine and gift to school. This has been confirmed that this is possible with the work likely going ahead during the summer break.

The final year end accounts will be done shortly.

Head Teacher's Report.

This had been sent out prior to the meeting (see attached). Mrs Legge confirmed all had read and invited questions.



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Questions were raised around Forest Schools and if all children would have the opportunity to participate in this, Mrs Legge explained that this was currently being funded under Pupil Equity funding and that, going forward, she would love to give all the children the opportunity to participate in this but it may not be possible, however she advised that the project this term is based in and around school grounds and all children would have the opportunity to access the woodland in their learning.

Mrs Legge explained the Self Evaluation process in greater detail and all agreed that a questionnaire should be issued regarding this in the first instance.

The change in class structure is due to pupil numbers, staffing is still to be confirmed for next year – we may have an NQT again. Mrs Legge advised that staffing is looked at on a yearly basis and she would confirm staffing details as soon as she had the information.

The Robots have now arrived which the parent council agreed to help fund at a cost of £78.52. the relevant software is to be installed on laptops and staff will require training to enable these to be used.

Mrs Legge also advised that she will be issuing a travel survey in the near future.

Fundraising

Suzie suggested a sponsored litter pick may be a way of raising money for the school – she is happy to contact companies regarding sponsorship of this with an aim to this taking place the end of May/beginning of June.

If restrictions allow the possibility of having a barbecue was discussed with the food being subsidised but perhaps with a tombola or raffle to raise funds.

The possibility of having a stall at the flower show was also discussed – selling crafts and/or ice cream

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The possibility of installing bike racks was discussed which would encourage children to cycle to school.

The possibility of arranging clothes swap at the end of term was discussed – all agreed this would be a good idea if restrictions allowed.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th May at 6.30pm via Google Meet.