



**PINKIE PARENTS  
MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7:30PM  
VIA SKYPE**

**Present:**

Pamela Grant (Chair)  
Gaynor Ross (Vice Chair)  
Stephanie Ng (Clerk)  
Wendy Barber (Treasurer)  
Suzanne Douglas  
Suzanne Falconer  
Suzanne Gunn  
John Williamson  
Scott Aitken  
Stephen Dishon  
Alexis Tsekouras  
Marie Hartley  
Rebecca Richmond  
Kirsty Clark  
Suzanne Gilhooley

**Staff in Attendance:**

Colette Bonnar (Head Teacher)  
Helen Gordon (Depute Teacher)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Katie Mackie  
Cllr Stuart Currie  
Cllr Andy Forrest  
Angela Curran  
Joanne Friend

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 Pamela welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies above, were noted.

## **2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

2.1 Councillor Stuart Currie has emailed transportation to set up a meeting to discuss the parking issues around the school, but has yet to get a response back from them. When he gets back in touch with Suzanne D she will pass on the details to Pamela. (**Action: Suzanne D**).

2.2 Pamela and Kirsty Clark got together (virtually) to discuss the Christmas fundraising for Pinkie Parents and for Out of School Club to make sure they are not duplicating ideas. Pinkie Parents will be going with Christmas cards, and the Out of School Club will be doing tote bags.

2.3 The Junior Leadership Team are currently working on the School Improvement Plan to make it more child friendly. Once this is done, and Colette has finalised the clip/paragraph explaining the SIP/PEF subgroups, Stephanie will send out an email to the Parent Council to see if anyone would like to join them. (**Action: Stephanie and Colette**).

## **3. Head Teacher's Report**

3.1 Mrs Colette Bonnar provided her report and updated the meeting on a number of issues.

### **Lunches**

3.2 Colette got in touch with the Facilities Management Team, to talk about the concerns some people were having with the plastic water bottles provided at lunch. If a child doesn't need/want a plastic bottle of water it can be stored away and not re-ordered. The school provides drinking water if a child needs to re-fill their personal water bottle from home.

3.3 Soup is now available at lunch time. It is dependent upon current COVID-19 guidelines about what happens with lunches after the October break.

### **Junior Leadership Team**

3.4 The Junior Leadership Team have been meeting regularly. They had their photos taken and have ordered badges.

### **Communication**

3.5 The Senior Leadership Team now have access to the admin email address. They can now make sure that anything that comes into the inbox regarding a child or

a teacher will be followed through. Phone calls are also being monitored. Hopefully this will address any issues that people are having with communication, and if it's still an issue then please contact Colette. Parents are asked to only email using the admin email address ([admin@pinkie-st-peters.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@pinkie-st-peters.elcschool.org.uk)).

3.6 Scarlett Palmer looked into whether it was possible for the school to insert a URL link into text messages to bring people to a mobile optimised google form, and this won't be a problem at all and can happen in the future.

3.7 Colette emailed the man at SEEMIS to say there were issues around people not receiving emails from the school. He sent out a test email and asked parents to check their spam folders to check that it was all going through properly. There were no issues and it was received as it should be.

### **Christmas Fundraising**

3.8 Colette is more than happy for the Christmas cards to go ahead this year. Everything will just be quarantined like it would normally be with things going to and from school.

### **Staffing**

3.9 Congratulations to Mrs Chisholm and her husband who had a baby boy on 27th September. They named him Harrison.

3.10 New ASN auxiliaries were taken on and they have contracts until the end of June.

3.11 Helen Gordon and Colette Bonnar are in the middle of interviewing for a Senior Early Years Practitioner for the nursery.

### **Nursery**

3.12 No update on nursery development, but will be coming soon.

### **Parents Evening**

3.13 Parents Evening has been cancelled and the teachers are issuing written reports instead. The children will be adding their own comment to the report. The report will be looking at health and wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and how well the children have settled back in.

3.14 It is not possible at this time to have parents evening virtually as it was getting too complicated with the technical side of things. Phone calls won't be possible either as there are only 2 phone lines in and out of the school. This will however be looked at for the future, if circumstances remain as they are.

3.15 Parents are asked to get in touch if they have any questions about their child's report. The teachers should have already got in contact if they had any concerns.

## Newsletter

3.16 Colette is trying to get more newsletters written, and any information that comes in about COVID-19 will be given out. Any progress updates will be given out via text message.

3.17 Latest advice is to wear face coverings.

3.18 A new gate will be created next to the existing metal one at the P1- P3 entrance. This should reduce the current bottleneck.

## 4. School Playground Equipment

4.1 Several requests have come from teachers asking for their annual £100 funding from Pinkie Parents to be spent on playground equipment. It was discussed whether this was the best way to spend the funded money, or whether Pinkie Parents should do a bulk order of playground equipment for the whole school, and leave the classes to spend their £100 on other things.

4.2 Loose parts play can no longer be opened up during break times and lunch times due to current COVID-19 restrictions and the zoning of the playground. Each class, however, does have a timetabled slot to use it.

4.3 Each class currently comes out at lunch and break times with their own individual bag of equipment that can be used.

4.4 Teachers are outside as much as possible at break and lunchtimes and they monitor how the equipment is being used, and if it is age and stage appropriate. Colette will maybe get the Junior Leadership Team involved in carrying out an audit on the equipment and seeing how it is being used. **(Action: Colette)**.

4.5 All classes are aware that they can apply for the £100 from Pinkie Parents and applications have been sent out to them.

4.6 The Scottish Government is keen to have children outside as much as possible at the moment, and Colette will check that each class is equipped for outdoor learning as much as possible. **(Action: Colette)**.

4.7 Equipment used in the playground show signs of wear and tear very quickly as the items are used day in and day out.

4.8 If every class were to ask for £100 funding for playground equipment, then Pinkie Parents would be spending £1,700 on playground equipment in one year which is more than they've ever spent before on it in one go.

4.9 As 4 requests for funding have already been approved and cheques written, it was decided to let the classes apply for funding ad-hoc and review the situation in April.

4.10 Colette will speak to the teachers and make sure that equipment is being ordered in the most strategic way possible. (**Action: Colette**)

## **5. Treasurer's Update**

5.1 This was covered at the AGM.

## **6. Fundraising Update**

6.1 No money has been raised.

6.2 It was suggested that the children could maybe dress up for Halloween, and there are no COVID-19 restrictions to prevent this.

6.3 Colette has started to talk about Halloween with the leadership team and looking at what activities could take place. Colette is open to suggestions to try and make it as fun as possible.

6.4 There will be issues with dressing up as whatever day it is on some of the school will be participating in PE. Also the younger ones may get scared with some of the costumes.

6.5 They were suggestions of an art competition, quiz sheet or "name the pumpkin" where children get to take part for 50p and maybe win a prize.

6.6 It was suggested that the school could do a couple of dress down days throughout the year, and ask for for a 50p donation to Pinkie Parents, instead of the usual £1.

6.7 Pamela will organise a fundraising meeting (**Action: Pamela**).

## **7. SIP and PEF Subgroup Update**

7.1 These have not been set up yet, but hopefully will be by the next meeting.

## **8. Any Other Business**

8.1 Mrs Dixon has updated Pinkie Parents on what the P3's spent their money on from the Christmas Fair. The children came up with a wish list to choose things they wanted for both outside and inside. Once they receive the items they will take photos and upload to the school Twitter for all to see.

