



**PINKIE PARENTS
MONDAY, 1 MARCH 2021 AT 7PM
VIA SKYPE**

Present:

Pamela Grant (Chair)
Gaynor Ross (Vice Chair)
Stephanie Ng (Clerk)
Wendy Barber (Treasurer)
Suzanne Gilhooley
Suzanne Falconer
Stephen Dishon
Jenny Flanagan
Doug Broadley
Cllr Andy Forrest
Cllr Katie Mackie
Cllr John Williamson

Staff in Attendance:

Colette Bonnar (Head Teacher)
Rachel Snowdon (Depute Teacher)
Claire McKendry (P3 Teacher)

Apologies:

Suzanne Douglas
Joanne Friend

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Pamela welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies above, were noted. The meeting scheduled for January 11th was cancelled due to the lockdown and the busyness of starting up home learning again.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

2.1 Councillor Andy Forrest will email Transportation as soon as he can to ensure the parking attendants will come back to check on the parking around the school. This was previously delayed due to the lockdown.

2.1a Edit to add: Andy confirmed by email on the 2nd March that he had got in touch and the parking attendants will again be coming to the school.

2.2 Mrs Colette Bonnar is just finalising the clips for the PEF subgroup and invites will be sent out asking people to join the group once this has been done. Miss McGinn and Miss Palmer have been coordinating with the JLT to pull together the clips for the SIP. This will also be completed soon, and invites sent out.

2.3 Mr Drysdale has sent out Google Forms to all former P7's via email to find out their preferences on how they wish to receive their share of the money that they raised. Colette will check which email address these were sent to as some parents noted that last years Primary sevens now use a different edubuzz account in secondary school. **(Action: Colette)**

2.3a Edit to add: The Google Forms were successfully sent out on the 2nd March to the former P7's new edubuzz email addresses.

3. Head Teacher's Report

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

3.2 Mrs Colette Bonnar expressed her thanks for all the hard work which went into home learning and for all the feedback which was received. The children have produced outstanding work, which can be seen on the school Twitter.

COVID Update

3.3 PC Smith was at the school on the first Monday back at school for the P1-P3's to see the amount of people and to check all was as safe as it could be, and that the risk assessment in place was working. The soft start at the beginning of the day was working well, and the end of the day was tweaked a bit to stagger the exit times by a few minutes.

3.4 It was noted that some people were parking and dropping off children on the double yellow lines right outside the school. Mrs Colette Bonnar will mention this in

the upcoming newsletter to ensure that people do not do this as not only is it not safe, the person doing so could receive a fine.

3.5 P4-P7 will hopefully be returning to school on the 15th March. It is important for parents and carers to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing within the school grounds to keep the school as safe possible.

JLT (Junior Leadership Team)

3.6 The JLT will create a Google form with Miss McGinn to find out what the children have learnt from the home learning experience, what can be changed going forward, and how this relates to the SIP. This form will be posted in the various Google classrooms for the children to fill in. All questions and discussions will be age and stage appropriate.

Attainment

3.7 Parent/carer teacher consultations will take place via phone calls. P1- P3 will take place before the Easter holidays and P4 - P7 will take place after. This information will be shared in the upcoming newsletter.

3.8 It was agreed that a Google Meet for parent teacher consultations was too complicated due to connection issues or people not being available etc, but may be possible to do as a follow up if needed.

3.8 The phone calls will be taken at the end of the school working day, but if this isn't possible then the parent / carer can email the school and the teacher will try their best to accommodate.

3.9 The achievement of levels wasn't stated last year as there was not enough data to report. The school is doing its very best to report on a level this year, if they are not told otherwise.

Professional Learning

3.10 Professional learning is still going ahead, and this includes modules on nurture and creativity. Some children do not get on well with home learning so they were looking at ways to best accommodate them.

3.11 Miss Smillie will be sending out a letter to ask for donations of various items for the Loose Parts Play project within the Secret Garden. The letter will include what items are needed and any items donated can be brought to school and quarantined before being brought into the secret garden.

Newsletter

3.12 The newsletter will be sent out this week.

Resources

3.13 The school is still waiting on chrome books that they have on order. Money from the PEF was put aside for them, and it's a bit of a disappointment that they haven't arrived yet. However, this is a Scotland wide issue.

3.14 Chrome books that were borrowed for home learning will soon be coming back to the school.

3.15 The digital inclusion devices from the Scottish Government have arrived and the people who have requested one have managed to receive one.

3.16 Mrs Colette Bonnar will find out the numbers from Miss Palmer of who is still waiting for a device. She will also find out if it is possible to accept donations of devices and how to go about it, as it was noted that if the school were able to accept donations, IT would not be able to maintain them. **(Action: Colette)**

Staffing

3.17 Gemma Kinnaird has started at the school as a government funded teacher for COVID recovery. She is currently working within P1 and P2, and taking on individual groups for COVID recovery.

4. Treasurer's Update

4.1 The opening balance is about £3,500.

4.2 £500 came out for the books for the children's Christmas presents.

4.3 £100 came out for the popcorn to go with the Christmas pantomime.

4.4 £660 came in from the Christmas cards, and Pinkie Parents want to express a massive thank you to Jenny Flanagan for undertaking this huge task and to the parents who bought them.

4.5 The closing balance is £3,587, which is a good amount seeing as we haven't been able to do any fundraising.

4.6 The annual commitments coming up are a potential £800 going out to the classes who have not yet asked for their £100 funding, P7 Hoodies and approximately £500 on Christmas parties. So a potential outgoing of about £2,000.

4.7 Pinkie Parents will be missing out on their main fundraising events of the year, which is the Edinburgh marathon stall (about £500 profit) and the summer fair (about £2,500 profit).

4.8 The amount of money we have is fine for now, but Pinkie Parents may need to re-consider the £100 per class to spend on what they need next year, as there may not be enough flexibility to do this.

5. SIP and PEF subgroups Update

5.1 The information videos to educate people on the SIP and PEF are coming together.

5.2 Some of the PEF was spent on a speech and language therapist for nursery and primary 1, which is going well.

5.3 In the past there was a regular breakdown of the PEF with what it was being spent on, and this information is able to be shared on the school website. Mrs Colette Bonnar will put together a simplified version for the website, as well as reporting the decisions taken and the impact that has been made. **(Action: Colette)**

5.4 There is a “Raising Attainment” group within the local authority and Mrs Colette Bonnar is leading the poverty related attainment gap group.

5.5 It is important to look at the interventions possible and the best way to get in contact and connecting with the families to find out what it is they need.

5.6 It was discussed whether it was still a good idea to have subgroup meetings for the PEF and also the SIP, and Mrs Colette Bonnar and Miss Rachel Snowdon will get together to discuss the best way of going forward and how to best connect with people. **(Action: Colette and Rachel)**

6. Fundraising

6.1 There are no fund-raising plans for the foreseeable future.

6.2 The Edinburgh Marathon is a virtual event only this year so Pinkie Parents will not have their usual stall.

6.3 Due to the COVID restrictions it looks like there will not be a summer fair this year.

6.4 A fundraising meeting needs to take place to come up with some new ideas, and Pamela will organise this. **(Action: Pamela)**

6.5 The Christmas cards were a big success this year so it would be good to do something similar again, but with spending time to find the right company.

7. Any Other Business

Wallyford High School Update

7.1 The opening date is now due to be August 2023. The land has been purchased and the design process has been started, so it's all ongoing.

7.2 The councillors and council staff were taken on a virtual walk through of the school to see what it looks like.

7.3 Mrs Colette Bonnar will provide an update for the parents. **(Action: Colette)**

Extension at Pinkie St Peter's Update

7.4 There were a few issues with the plans that had gone in and some tweaks to be made. There is no starting date yet, but things are still moving forward.

8. Next Meeting Date

8.1 The next meeting date is Monday 26th April. This will be our AGM.

