



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2020 via Zoom

Present: Ciaran MacKechnie (Acting Chair/Treasurer), Vicki Whetton, Kirsten Thomson, Susan Wilson, Guido Bicocchi, Trudi Bicocchi, Ronnie Taylor (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

Ciaran opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Anna Ross.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held on 7th October were approved.

3. **Matters arising from minutes**

50/50 Club

This is still to be discussed further and is dependent on Covid restrictions.

Easy Fundraising

Ciaran confirmed that this is raising money on a slow but steady basis.

Christmas Cards

This has raised £164 in total and was very well supported by parents. There was a discussion about doing another similar fundraiser such as tea towels maybe during the summer term.

Communication with parents

Ciaran confirmed that the new form of communicating with parents suggested at the last meeting seems to be working well.

4. **Chair's Report**

As Anna was unwell and Ciaran was standing in as Chair there wasn't a Chairs Report.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Ciaran reported that the bank balance is currently £2,500.

A payment has been received recently from the Rag Bag Scheme and the P7 hoodies have been paid for.

There was a discussion about items that could be bought for the school with Parent Council funds and suggestions included footballs, books, PE equipment, art equipment and Forest School sessions. Ronnie confirmed that a book audit has been carried out and some gaps have been filled with Oxford Reading Tree books that were already in school. The school has also recently purchased non-fiction books from the school funds. There is still to be a resource audit carried out to help identify any gaps in art, PE and any other resources and Ronnie confirmed that all the pupils will be included in this process. Ronnie reported that Innerwick have a teacher who is fully trained in Forest School so there might be a possibility of organising supply teacher cover for her class so she could run Forest School sessions at Stenton. The cost of supply would need to be met by Stenton.

Susan reported that there is an option to visit the Museum of Flight and the school would have sole use of the building. However, Ronnie confirmed that East Lothian Council still have an embargo on schools committing to any trips that would involve having to

book transport. Once this is lifted, the school can look into re-booking a trip to the Museum of Flight.

6. HT Report

New HT

Ronnie confirmed that Joanne Legge has been appointed as his replacement and she will take up the post on 6th January 2021.

School roll

Ronnie reported that as from Monday 14th December, the school roll will increase to 25.

Covid Update

Ronnie reported that both Innerwick and Stenton schools have been fortunate to not have any cases of Covid in staff or pupils so far. However, staff absence in other schools is having an impact on the availability of supply teachers within the authority.

Christmas arrangements

Details of dates for Christmas arrangements in school have been emailed to all parents.

School Development Overview

Ronnie discussed individual aspects of the School Improvement Plan. An email giving full details was sent to all parents the day following the meeting.

7. Readathon

Trudi has been involved in Readathons in the past so she would be happy to help organise one at Stenton and suggested linking it in with World Book Day on 4th March 2021. Trudi will send the relevant information to Suzanne.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 8pm via Zoom. Ciaran thanked everyone for their attendance and wished Ronnie all the best in his new role as HT at Gullane Primary.