



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 via Google Meet

Present: Anna Ross (Chair) Vicki Whetton, Kirsten Thomson, Susan Wilson, Guido Bicocchi, Trudi Bicocchi, Michelle Mallen (community member), Jennie Barugh, Rhian Hastie, Brian Boyd, Phil Hooker, Joanne Legge (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Ciaran MacKechnie, Kathleen Watmough & Carol Alexander.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held on 10th December were approved.

3. **Matters arising from minutes**

Easy Fundraising

This has so far raised £76.71 and everyone agreed it was an easy way to raise funds.

Christmas Cards

The final figure for monies raised is £158. There was further discussion about doing another similar fundraiser maybe during the summer term. Also, there was a suggestion that siblings do a picture together if we do this next Christmas as some families with 2 siblings had a surplus of cards!

4. **Chair's Report**

Anna said that there wasn't much for her to report this time. However, she wanted to thank the school for the fantastic response to the latest lockdown. Anna also referred to the latest Government announcement and asked Jo to talk about this in her Report.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Ciaran wasn't able to attend the meeting but sent in the following figures:

The current balance on the account is £2,646.23.

The personalised Christmas cards etc. raised £158.

The last Nathan's Waste payment for the Rag Bag scheme was received on 19th October.

The Easyfundraising scheme has brought in £76.71 since it began last year.

6. **HT Report**

Jo is delighted to be the new Head Teacher of Stenton and Innerwick and was thrilled to meet everyone tonight and over the last few weeks whilst she was involved in dropping off packs at homes and handing out Chromebooks at School.

Remote learning

Jo thanked all the parents for all their hard work helping their children with remote learning. She also thanked the staff team for all their hard work putting together work which was motivating and stimulating for all the children. Jo said that the school team had taken on board feedback from the last lockdown and she hoped that the parents agreed that remote learning was working well. Jo thanked everyone who had completed the survey sent home last week and confirmed that the staff team had looked at all the feedback and would adjust the delivery of remote learning accordingly.

Government announcement

Jo is due to attend a Head Teachers meeting in the morning to discuss the return to school plans so unfortunately wasn't able to give any further information with regards to the Government announcement about P1-3 returning to school on 22nd February before the rest of the children. She is aware that as Stenton is a one class school this has implications for providing in-school teaching for P1-3 children as well as providing remote learning for the P4-7 children. Jo confirmed that as soon as she has more information she will let parents know but was confident that the school will be able to find a solution that will work well for everyone. She praised the children for doing so well at adhering to the guidelines whilst in school and is aware that parents will have questions and concerns regarding the return to school. Jo then asked the parents if they had any questions with regards to the current remote learning arrangements.

Trudi said that she has been really happy with the remote learning arrangements and her children are especially enjoying seeing the other children on the 9am Google Meets. She expressed concern over what would happen to the school staff's own children if only P1-3 children return initially. Jo explained that this would have to be considered as part of the return to school plans.

Vicki agreed with Trudi and said that having Chromebooks at home has been a huge help and the timetable that Mrs Aitchison does each week has been great.

Susan said the school are doing a fantastic job and asked if there was any possibility of having the Google Meets at the end of the day? Jo explained that this would be taken on board but at present staff were manning the school in the afternoons so the Google Meets need to be in the mornings.

Trudi made a suggestion that it might be a nice idea to have a lunchtime Google Meet once in a while which would allow the children to have a chat whilst they had their lunch. Jo agreed that this was a lovely idea and would bear this in mind.

7. Any other competent business

Readathon

There was a discussion about when this could take place and Jo suggested that it would be better done when we are all back in school so we can give it more attention. Trudi was happy to help with this once a date has been agreed.

50:50 Club

This was discussed further and taking it forward is still dependent on Covid restrictions. Michelle suggested it could be promoted by email or phone calls to avoid the need to go door to door.

Resources

Michelle suggested that as the Parent Council has a substantial bank balance, there should be a discussion around what resources can be bought for the school. Jo agreed that she will discuss this further at the staff meeting this week.

8. Date and Time of Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 8pm.