



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th June 2021 at 8pm via Teams

Present: Anna Ross (Chair) Susan Wilson, Trudi Bicocchi, Laura Hooker, Joanne Legge (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Vicki Whetton, Ciaran Mackechnie, Brian & Babs Boyd. Jennie Barugh couldn't access Microsoft Team so unfortunately wasn't able to log on.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held on 28th April were approved.
3. **Matters arising from minutes**
Readathon
It was agreed that this could tie in with World Book Day in March 2022.
4. **Chair's Report**
Playground incident - Anna referred to the recent incident which had occurred over a weekend in the outdoor classroom where items had been strewn around. Jo had sent an email to the parents and community to let them know. Anna hoped that this was a one-off and that it wouldn't happen again.
ELPACM - Anna hadn't been able to attend the recent meeting so there was nothing to report.
Fundraising - Anna requested that this is a standing item on the agenda from now on.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
The current balance on the account is £2,266.36.
Ciaran was unable to attend the meeting.
6. **HT Report**
A copy of the HT report is attached to these minutes.
7. **Flexi-schooling/Forest School**
There was a discussion regarding the potential to provide Forest School sessions which would be linked to the curriculum. Anna has been in contact with a provider and Jo asked if she could forward her details on so this can be discussed with staff and taken forward to the next parent Council meeting.
8. **AOCB**
School Trips - Susan enquired about the re-booking of the trip to the Museum of Flight which had to be cancelled last year due to Covid-19. Jo confirmed that there will be plans to arrange various trips once the restrictions have been lifted and we would look at this venue as one of the options.
9. **Date and Time of Next meeting**
The next meeting will be the AGM and take place on Monday 13th September at 8pm. Venue to be confirmed depending on restrictions in place at the time.

Head Teacher's Report

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- **Thank you:** to parents for their much appreciated help repairing the playhouse and benches as well as weeding and clearing the border. We are so grateful for your support.
- **P7 AWE week:** Well done to our resilient, can-do P7s, who have thrown themselves into our activities this week, we are very proud of them.
- **New Classroom:** we are delighted with our new space: which was completed quickly and efficiently. We also have a lovely new interactive touchscreen whiteboard which we are really enjoying using!
- **Working in Partnership feedback:** only a limited response but feedback suggests that parents are looking for a more in depth understanding of the progress their child is making and also are keen to become more involved with the school in a variety of ways after the COVID restrictions are eased. Thank you for offers to support our 'Developing the Young Workforce' education: we plan to have a World of Work week next session. Several parents expressed an interest in discussing this further so I will arrange for this early in the new session, once we have a better awareness of health and safety guidelines.
- **Staffing:** Miss Small will be leaving us on Friday 11th June. We wish her all the very best in her new role, she has been an important member of the staff team here and we will miss her very much. We are interviewing for her replacement and will keep you informed. We have a new member of staff (Miss Courtney) who will be working with us over 3 mornings a week.
- **Pupils:** We are looking forward to welcoming 3 new P1 pupils in August.
- **School Improvement Planning:** As well as developing our partnerships with parents, we will be looking at how we can rebuild and further develop wider community links through the theme of food education in the new session. Our main focus will be on attainment: initially looking at literacy through developing and embedding our core programmes to ensure a strong skills progression (Read, Write Inc, PM Writing and Word Study). Staff across both schools will look at how to support pace and challenge in a multi-composite classroom. Development of meaningful pupil participation will also be a focus.
- **End of Term arrangements:** due to current COVID guidance, we are unable to plan for an outdoor leavers' assembly this year. We had hoped that this might be a possibility. We will hold our Leaver's assembly via Google Meet so that parents can join us this way and our P7 photo slideshow will be shared. Dunbar Tablers have donated to us, in recognition that this has been a challenging year for our P7s and so they will each receive an East Lothian Gift Card. We are also planning a whole school pizza party for the last week of term. We hope that these arrangements will help to mark this important time for our P7s even though in a slightly different way.
- **Funding News/Progress:** We have been allocated £1500 from ELCC to support our rental costs at the village hall (this is so that we can use the hall more regularly as a base for outdoor learning and other learning experiences for example cooking and STEM activities). The basketball net has been purchased but we are awaiting installation thank you! And we have lots of growing happening around the school grounds from tomatoes to carrots!

Thanks for all your support

Joanne Legge