



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 via Google Meet

Present: Trudi Bicocchi (Chair), Kirsten Thomson, Guido Bicocchi, Vicki Whetton, Viky & Ondrej Urikova, Brian Boyd, Kathleen Watmough, Phil Hooker, Jennie Barugh, Joanne Legge (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

Trudi opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Anna Ross and Susan Wilson.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
The minutes of the Parent Council AGM held on 13th September were approved.
3. **Matters arising from minutes**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Chair's Report**
Communications - Trudi has been messaging parents via the messenger chat and by school email and hopes that everyone is happy with this. She is at the school gates on a Monday and a Wednesday if anyone needs to chat about anything with her.
ELAPCM meeting - There was a discussion regarding the Learning Estate Review at this meeting. The Learning Estates team are producing a website and questionnaire which is open to everyone to respond to. Trudi felt it is important for as many people as possible to feedback their comments. Once the link is live this will be sent out to parents and the community.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
Vicki confirmed that there is £2381 in the account currently. Payment for Forest School is still to be made. Funds are coming in throughout the year from the Rag Bag and Easy fundraising schemes. Suggested that a reminder is sent out about both schemes.
6. **HT Report** - see attached. There was a discussion about Core Values and what they mean to the children and the school. Jo explained how they underpin everything we do in school and are linked to all the activities so the children understand what they mean. Jennie asked if there could be another curricular evening and Jo explained that there are various dates in the school calendar for open mornings/curriculum events which we hope we will be able to plan for once we have more information from the council regarding Covid restrictions.
7. **Pocket garden**
Viky spoke about an idea called Pocket garden which is a competition set up by Keep Scotland Beautiful. There was a discussion around how we could do this as a school with help from people within the community. It was agreed to put this back on the agenda for the January meeting so it can be discussed further.
8. **Fundraising**
Car wash - This is taking place on Friday 15th October 1.30 - 4.30 at the hall. Helpers are needed to wash cars and provide home baking.

Christmas Cards - The children will do their designs after the October break in school.
Christmas raffle - Trudi discussed the idea of having a "12 days of Christmas" raffle where there could be a draw for 12 days with a winner each time. There is not an official Christmas Fair in Stenton this year but on 4th December there is a local artists fair so it was suggested that the Parent Council could have a stall at this selling wrapping paper and Christmas decorations made by the children in school. Vicki offered to make up a hamper and would welcome help from anyone who is available.

50:50 Club - This has become too much of a chore so there a discussion about alternatives such as a 100 square raffle which could be done each term. Crystalrig also offer funding which the school has received in the past so this is something for the Parent Council to bear in mind next time the funding is open for applications.

9. AOCB

School garden - Viky is keen to come along and help in the school garden and would like others to come along and help too. Anyone who would like to help should let the Viky or the school know.

Food bank donations - Suzanne passed on a huge thank you to all the families who donated to the Dunbar Basics Food Bank - the volunteer who accepted the donations was overwhelmed with the response from Stenton.

10. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place via Google Meet on Wednesday 24th November at 8pm.

Trudi thanked everyone for coming along and closed the meeting.