



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th January 2022 via Google Meet.

Present: Trudi Bicocchi (Chair), Guido Bicocchi, Viky Urikova, Susan Wilson, Kathleen Watmough, Laura Hooker, Phil Hooker, Vicki Whetton, Brian Boyd, Juliet Thomson, Michelle Mallen, Joanne Legge (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jennie Barugh, Kirsten Thomson.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held on 24th November were approved with the amendment to add Guido Bicocchi to the list of those present.

3. **Matters arising from minutes**

20 mile an hour speed limit: The signs are still not lighting up at each end of the village. Suzanne to chase this up.

4. **Chair's Report**

Christmas Fair - Trudi thanked everyone for their support at the fair. She also thanked the school for all the Christmas activities that were done in school - it helped the children feel that things were more "normal".

School Garden - Trudi thanked Kathleen and Viky for their help in the school garden.

ELPACM meeting - Trudi attended this and the main points relevant to Stenton were:

- The Scottish Government and the council have been asking schools to monitor CO2 levels in the classroom as a guide for the amount of COVID virus in the air. Other than on one occasion, the level in Stenton has been green. Natural ventilation is used where necessary to ensure low levels are maintained.
- The parent council has submitted a response to the learning estates review. The draft learning estate strategy should be published later in the session for consultation.
- Although there is currently an embargo on residential school trips, it is anticipated that these will be allowed next year i.e. when the P6s are in P7.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

There is currently £3581.48 in the bank. Forest school is still to be paid for (£1,120) and the cheque for the Christmas cards (£337.98) is still to be deducted. There will be opportunities to apply for additional funds from Crystalrig and the Dunbar area partnership. Trudi will liaise with Jo to look at some external funding which could be used perhaps for more forest school, beach school or some other experiences.

6. **HT Report**

[HT Report 27th January 2022.pdf](#)

Jo spoke about the points in her report and then she gave the parents a presentation on attainment. Here is a link to the presentation

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11hF0016CNd68Saztsvd4NEE5UaW1z7xhTAPLuSpvVsl/edit?usp=sharing>

7. Discussion topic - communication with parents re attainment

Jo asked for feedback about parent's evenings and end of term reports to ascertain if the current format was suitable. There followed a discussion around this and the general consensus was that the parents were happy with the format of the parents evenings and reports - although everyone said they are looking forward to being able to go back to face to face parents evenings as opposed to virtual.

Susan asked about whether or not the children received feedback after they have done an assessment to let them know how they did. Jo said that this is something she would discuss further with staff.

8. Fundraising

Readathon - it was agreed that the parent council will set a reading challenge for the children during world book week (week commencing 28th February). Rather than focus on winners it was agreed that it would be good if the pupils worked together to achieve some goals. The parent council will give each child a book voucher on world book day. Trudi asked if anyone has any author or publisher friends that they could ask to donate a book to the school or as an additional prize. The parent council will set the challenge in conjunction with the school. To kick off the challenge Trudi asked for photos of all the parents reading books in unusual places. Photos are to be sent to Trudi by Friday 11th February.

Other ideas for fundraising - there was a discussion about other fundraising activities (selling squares, an Easter social event, another car wash) but it was decided that these should be progressed through a smaller subgroup. If anyone is interested in helping they are to contact Trudi. It won't be onerous or too time consuming and Trudi was really pleased with how well the fundraising has gone so far this year.

9. Pocket garden

There was a discussion about entering the pocket garden competition. Viky and Trudi agreed to discuss this in more detail and liaise further with the school.

10. AOCB

Zones of Regulation - there was a discussion around how this is used in class. Jo explained that the zones of regulation are used in school and they are a useful tool for children to be able to express how they are feeling by using the 4 colours assigned to each group of emotions.

11. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 28th March at 8pm.