



STENTON PARENT COUNCIL

Approved minutes of the Stenton Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at Stenton Primary School

Present: Trudi Bicocchi (Chair), Kathleen Watmough, Jennie Barugh, Susan Wilson, Viky Urikova, Laura Hooker, Lyn Jardine (ward councillor), Joanne Legge (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Wilson (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Kirsten Thomson, Guido Bicocchi, Laura Hooker, Vicki Whetton, Carol Alexander, Anna Ross, Brian Boyd, Trudi Robinson, Aileen Lynch and Ciaran MacKechnie.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parent Council Annual General Meeting held on 5th September were approved.

3. **Matters arising from minutes**

Bikeability

There have been a few parents offering to undertake the training and Suzanne has referred them to the Bikeability website to book dates. If there are enough volunteers we might be able to request training just for Stenton parents and staff.

P7 hoodies

Jennie and Kathleen have ordered the P7 hoodies from Dunbar t-shirt shop and they will be delivered after the October holidays.

4. **Chair's Report**

- Open Morning - Trudi thanked Jo and staff for the Open Morning - everyone had found it very useful and it was nice to be back in school.
- Harvest Service - Trudi said it was nice for families to be able to see the children perform again in the church and it was a lovely atmosphere.
- Christmas - Jo will discuss the format for a Christmas service with the teachers but it is likely to take a similar form to last year when Rev Douglas Hamilton led an impromptu nativity and the children dressed up in whichever costume they wanted.
- Christmas cards - the orders have been sent off and Trudi is hoping to hear soon about when the proofs will be returned to school.
- Learning Estate Review - Trudi asked Lyn Jardine about how the Learning Estate Review was developing. Lyn explained that it will be discussed at the next Education Committee meeting. There was a discussion about the school roll and catchment area and that the school currently has capacity for 50 pupils as there are 2 teachers in place this year. It was agreed to send the Parent councils response to the Review on to Lyn Jardine. Jennie commented that having the two teachers this year was having a positive impact on the children.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The account balance is currently £2,443.44 less Harvest service refreshment costs. Easy fundraising has raised £150 since June and everyone is encouraged to keep using it.

6. HT Report



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Thank you - Jo thanked everyone who had come along to help with the school garden tidy up and with the harvest service refreshments.

DGS librarian - Sean Foley (librarian from DGS) is visiting the P1-4 class once a month this term to read with them.

P6/7 sleepover - The P6/7 pupils will visit Innerwick in the summer term for a campout. There will be a session with Blair Aitken from Outdoor Education beforehand for them to learn camping skills along with P6/7 pupils from Innerwick. P5 will be invited but will not stay overnight.

7. Parent Council working with pupils

Jo explained that she is keen to facilitate pupil participation in the School Improvement Plan alongside the Parent Council. This will link in with the national discussion around the future of Scottish Education. Jo will organise a date for the parents and pupils to meet for a discussion or it will possibly be done as a homework exercise. This will then be followed up at the next parent Council meeting.

8. Fundraising

There will be a Parent Council stall at the Stenton Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November. Kirsten is making up a hamper and Trudi will organise the 12 days of Christmas Raffle like last year. The children will make wrapping paper and decorate wooden tree decoration in school and Trudi will prepare raffle tickets in envelopes to give to each family to sell. Helpers are needed for the stall.

9. AOCB

Meetings -The next 2 meetings will be held virtually to make it easier for people to attend during the winter months. The March and May meetings will go back to being in school.

Panto - Trudi asked Suzanne to let her know how much the tickets and bus costs are for the pantomime so that the Parent Council could look at subsidising it for all children. Trudi also suggested that the Parent Council could provide sweetie bags for each child.

10. Date and time for the next Parent Council meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th November 2022 via Google Meet.

Trudi thanked everyone for coming along and closed the meeting.