

**STONEYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL: MINUTES, WEDNESDAY
16th March 2022**

Attendees: Tina Warren (Chair); Lois Taylor (Treasurer); Sarah Jones (Vice Chair & Minute Taker); Denise Brown; Carol Colville (Deputy Head Teacher); Kate Whiteley (Head Teacher); Andy Forrest (Councillor); Stephanie Davidson; Rebecca Stanton; Lynsey Melville; Elaine Williamson

Apologies: Katie Hislop (Clerk)

Parent Council email: parentcouncil@stoneyhill.elcschool.org.uk

Agenda Item		Action for
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>T.Warren welcomed attendees to the meeting and reminded the group of online meeting behaviours. The apologies listed above were noted.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting, 09 February 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the 9th February 2022 meeting were approved.</p>	
3	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>L.Taylor reported recent income and expenditure. The School Lottery continues to be the main source of income. Profit from the 2021 crazy hair day and sale of school anniversary tea towels has been received, Christmas card profit to be received. S. Jones updated that she had contacted Art Projects for School, by phone and follow up email, regarding the fact no monies had yet been received into the account for Christmas Card funds. S. Jones and C. Colville will follow up jointly. Current Funds in bank account are £2006:95</p>	SJ/CC
4	<p>Head Teacher / Deputy Head Teacher's update:</p> <p>Covid-19: K.Whiteley explained this is now having a huge impact staff and pupil absence. Staff have observed that the impact of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdowns is having a negative impact on dynamics between children in the classroom and the playground. This is a similar pattern across the country.</p> <p>In Person Assemblies: These will resume from 21st March 2022. There will be an assembly on the final Thursday of term to celebrate the success of children. Parents will be able to access this on screen at home.</p> <p>School Budget: The school has remained in budget and has been able to purchase some fun playground equipment such as Rickshaws, balance boards and hoops.</p> <p>Road Safety: The road safety campaign headed by our JRSO's Skye and Tom was partially successful. However, on Whitehill Avenue some parents and carers were moving the Road Safety Pop up People in order to park their cars. It was</p>	CC/JRSO

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	<p>acknowledged this is a long standing issue and various suggestions were put forward to tackle this such as using the school app and Parent Council page to educate the adults around road safety. C. Colville will take this forward with the JRSO's.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Parent Council Business</p> <p>Red Nose Day, 18/03: Children can dress in red and wear a red nose if they wish. A cash donation can be brought into school. T. Warren agreed to collect this from the school and bank.</p> <p>Tea Towels - Additional print run: Letter to go home to each parent/carer to get exact numbers for t-towels. We will press ahead with a reprint if numbers are sufficient. There is a price increase due to cost to school increasing as reprint would be much smaller than original order. L.Taylor will design order slip and email to school office.</p> <p>Eco responsibilities for pupils: Carried forward to next month. K. Whitely has not had time to action due to chronic staff shortages due to COVID as acknowledged above.</p> <p>Action: K.Whiteley to ask pupils if they would like this, and ask for interest in being an eco champion.</p> <p>Action: Suggestion that an eco committee could include staff and parents. K.Whiteley to invite interest from parents in the next news letter</p> <p>Action: To be discussed at the next meeting, T.Warren to note for the April meeting agenda.</p> <p>Action: Milk carton recycling to be discussed at the next meeting. T.Warren to note for the April meeting agenda.</p> <p>Trim Trail and playground upgrade: T.Warren's husbands company has kindly agreed to remove the condemned Trim trail free of charge. It is hoped this can take place in the Easter Holidays. K. Whitely will liaise with J/T. Warren to action. It was noted that K. Whitely speak with ELC to ensure all Health and Safety regulation are adhered to prior to this being actioned.</p> <p>K.Whiteley confirmed that the majority of the Trim Trail is in poor condition and needs to be taken out. This is the case with Trim Trails in over schools in East Lothian. She expects to receive a council position on this soon but asked for views on the following, in terms of new equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new trim trail / something similar is purchased by the council as part of a package, which means the council would be responsible for the maintenance (and the cost of that); or • The parent council could fundraise to purchase a new trim trail / something similar, but maintenance would be the responsibility of the parent council, and future parent councils. 	

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	<p>It was agreed that option 1 would be preferable, with agreement that the group would not want to make a financial commitment that a future group would have to live with.</p> <p>Action: K.Whiteley to note this decision for discussions with the council.</p> <p>Action: T.Warren to note further discussions for April agenda</p>	KW/TW
	<p>Parent Council Business: Fundraising / Supporting the School</p> <p>Trim Trail: Further to the discussion at the January meeting, T.Warren invited fundraising suggestions to raise money for a Trim Trail upgrade / replacement. She suggested that it would be good to have the work complete before the start of the new school year in August.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following ideas would be taken forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent / Pupil / Staff Bootcamp: C.Colville has contacted Karl McKnight to organise. The proposed date for this is 2nd June. Parent council was advised there would be a cost attached to this • Football cards: Action: S.Davidson to arrange. • Easter Egg Hunt: Agreed this would take place on Friday 8 April. T. Warren has spoken to the local COOP regarding chocolate egg donation and is awaiting a response from the new manager Martin McMillan. It was agreed if we were unable to get local business to donate eggs the PC would purchase these for the children. A joint meeting between the pupil council and the parent council will take place on 25th March at 9:30am - 10:20am to plan the Easter Egg hunt. SJ, RS, TW and SD will represent the Parent Council. <p>Action: An update on plans for these events will be discussed at the April meeting. T.Warren to note for April agenda.</p>	CC SD TW TW
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>T.Warren invited any other business from attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Forrest advised that the Walk with Scott Foundation will donate funds to organisations if funds are being sought to “Improve mental health and wellbeing”. It was suggested that the Easter Egg hunt could be put under this heading. Action: T. Warrant to take forward. 	TW
10	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April, 19:00 – 20:15 via Google Meet. All welcome.</p>	

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	<i>Note: This meeting was subsequently rescheduled to Wed 4 May.</i>	
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Sarah Jones
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