# Grange Primary Parent Council

## 18th January 2021 Minutes of Meeting

### Present

Emma McGahon (Chair)

Melissa Littlewood (Co-Vice chair)

Mrs Clare McCallum (Co Vice Chair)

Kerry Perry (Treasurer)

Rhona McColgan (Member)

Leon Hunter (Fundraiser and Member)

Lynne Ogg (Fundraiser and Member)

Melanie Stuart (Secratary)

Mrs Tweed (Acting Head Teacher)

Mrs Landsburgh (Acting Depute Head Teacher)

### Apologies

Gillian Strachan

Sharon Ovenstone

Wendy Gallagher

### Introduction (Ice breaker- Name/Class and favourite thing about being involved in the parent council?)

Everyone introduced themselves and their involvement in parent council.

### Minutes of last meeting

Discussed and agreed - School Improvement Plan 2021-2022 to be added to agenda in March

### Parent Council Update

#### Finances

* + We have £5119 in bank account
  + Awaiting new signatories to be updated for signing off payments
  + Agreed spend in previous meetings ie playground equipment
  + Thanks for those finding help giving support when we couldn’t spend
  + Should we save for playground equipment (gymnastics bar and football goals etc)
    - Do we need money for anything else? Mrs Tweed indicated nothing big is needed but it was great to have small pots of money for chalk and dvds. Nothing identified as being needed in near future.
    - Playground quotes out of date, there is a wish list for equipment, LO circulated to the group to look at
  + Vote was taken and agreed to save majority of money for playground equipment, will look again at quotes.
  + Finance and spending to be a standing agenda item.

#### Feedback

* Parent council money spent on the panto – it was very well received, each class liked the fact it was different and made a special thing of it that day, with treats etc
* Facebook – Community page, and facebook page, engagement. Emma has been looking at insights, engagement tends to be in the morning and at 5pm.

#### Christmas ideas for 2021

* Carol singing - parent choir
* Chocolate bombs/lollypops made my Hunters with ideas of recipes from the children.

#### Connect Updates - information gained - <https://connect.scot/>

* Our constitution is from 2012 – Emma will update it, circulate and ask for feedback.
* Connect offers a parent council health checklist - Emma will send it out with the minutes in preparation for the next meeting.

### School update from Mrs Tweed

* Getting ready for this fortnight and key worker children – 101 children from grange alone.
* If you can keep children at home then please do, some children in just odd days, depending on shifts.
* ASN – part time model in 5 days each over fortnight to help reduce adults as well.
* Feedback from families about home learning – SLT called a selection of parents for feedback, seeing independence in some older children and they are extending their learning, communication clear from staff, information in one place on dojo. Consistency between classes too which helps.
* Trying to accumulate information so it’s not filling up dojo too much, whole school story post didn’t work will need shared by class story going forward.

#### Feedback about home schooling at meeting

There was lots of constructive feedback:

- Could we try to ry condense work so no need to print lots?

- Timetable of work times perhaps not needed just what is required so again if printing its reduction in pages. ie take out lunchtime page.

-Lots of positive feedback, children really engaged esp in older stages of school working independently.

-Some videos may be too low volume, hard to hear certain videos.

-Would it be possible to have a list of websites and login details? – School have been considering this, would adding a page on the blog help parents accessing online site

Some parents would like more face to face time with teacher

Some parents would prefer less face-face teacher time - it’s not great with younger children and again work commitments.

Some prefer a structured day, some need the day to be flexible due to work and other commitments,

Parents have found it hard to find older items on Dojo

Some really liked getting all of the class day information together ready for the start of the day rather than bits throughout the day (that was hard to keep track of)

#### P7 leavers

Facebook group has been created, Karen Ferrier is contact for organising leaver hoodies. There will be a good send off and school /P7 parents are working on it from now.

#### P1 starters and transitions

Not sure what will happen with transitions very much depending on restrictions, but contingency transition work in progress as was done last year. P1’s to register by looking on Angus Council Website.

How do we engage with parents coming into P1 for parent council to be added to future agenda.

### The impact on COVID on all of our families – What can we do?

What can we do, what kind ofinfo can we put out to people, is info being posted on facebook too much? Overwhelming or okay? Feedback from the PC is feedback and has been engaging. Good idea to post some signposting links

School were given a COVID grant that they used to o get coats, warm clothing andfood vouchers for families, Also The school also worked with the Angus toy appeal. Staff all clubbed together to give out treats to families helping with a night in.

Wellbeing – Could we work with school to promote wellbeing just now? Mrs Landsburgh signposted to the parent club website has lots of stuff there. We will look at for Facebook posts.

We are seeing parents help each other by sharing useful Home school posts on Facebook - It’s been really valuable and has helped families on the PC so hopefully more. We’ll continue to share posts we are tagged in.

### Fundraising and Fun

#### Hearts for valentines day

Decorate a heart and display in your window (the new rainbow) so that families can look out for them on their daily exercise/ walk. to facebook group/page and class dojo. To share a template with the school and a blurb for Dojo

#### Kiltwalk

April 23rd - 25th April – weave it into week, walking/physical exercise? Encourage sign up, advertise on page and dojo. Get a message out in March. Scavenger hunt to encourage out.

Action group for taking forward ideas for kiltwalk and scavenger hunt. To meet next month. Include someone from the school to represent. Mrs Tweed to see if anyone would like to be involved.

School has a justgiving page that can be used for other events too. All raised will bring an extra 50% top up. Date to set up next review meeting.

#### Valentines online cake bake

Shamila from Scrumptious Treats and Pippa from Pippa’s kitchen have kindly agreed to judge, and provide a small prize for an online Bake off contest. Competition to run from 1st Feb to 11th Feb just for fun and free to enter. Send pictures of bakes on Facebook page.

Enterprise idea (to be added to agenda for next time) Claire is going to find out more about how it could work.

#### Address to a haggis

Everyone from the parent council to take a line or two of poem and video it.It will be joined up and shared which will be a good opportunity to introduce people to the parent council and an attempt to bring a bit of silliness to a difficult time.

Lynne, Emma, Leon, Rhona, Mel, Melissa, Kerry, Claire all agreed to take part.

#### Parent share talents

In normal times there would be parents volunteering in school with reading, crafts and other things, an idea to allow this engagement to continue was that parents who have time and want to, could think about sharing videos of themselves reading, or doing an activity, or sharing their skills. To be added to dojo would be tricky so maybe just youtube links would be best.

### Any other business and Next Meeting

General Council meeting set for Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Small action group meeting for Kiltwalk preparation Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm