

Newbigging Primary Parent Council

AGM

13th September 2021 @ 6pm

Attended - Tony Jordan (Head teacher) Kellie Smith (PT) Joyce Gray, Kathryn Foot (Chair), Lynsey Milne (treasurer), Julia Boyle (Secretary), Charis McConnell (Parent Helper)

Apologies - Lorna Rodgers (Parent Helper)

Welcomes and introductions

Previous AGM minutes - checked and approved. No matters arising.

PC Chair Annual Report 2020-21

Thanks to all members, families, school staff and the wider community for your input and support over another unusual and challenging year. Although we had high hopes we still missed out on big gatherings like Christmas shows and our summer fete but we've stayed as connected as we could via the wonders of social media and blethers outside the school gates. We were very fortunate that our small school roll allowed all pupils to return to school after the January-March lockdown. Huge thanks to all staff and families for navigating these untested waters so stoically!

Brief outline of things we've supported throughout the last year -

Discussions, consultation and participation - we've been consulted about, kept informed, shared information and often contributed to many policies, plans and surveys such as - lockdown homelearning support, Tayside Strategy for Parents consultation, School Improvement Plans, Standards and quality reports, Autism awareness week, Anti-bullying policy, Covid guidance, Angus Council Homelearning survey, school finances, online learning survey, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland 'cost of learning in lockdown', Equal Protection Act changes, Scottish Book Trust Survey on Read Write Count bags, Angus Housing Need and Demand Assessment household survey, raising school online profile. We also have Connect membership and support and participate in various parent surveys online and continue to work with and gain support from the Schools and Learning Parental Engagement officers

Fundraising - we managed one remote fundraiser this year - a joint venture with Monikie PS - a lockdown cookbook! Families and staff shared favourite recipes and pupils drew some coloured artwork - fab teamwork!! We also paid for printing of school tea towels that the staff and pupils designed. We had less panic about raising money as we were in a very fortunate position of still having money left over from previous fundraisers as most school improvements had previously been covered by awards from Tesco Bags for Help and the Big Lottery Community Fund.

Partnership working (Within the community and shared Headship Monikie school & nursery) - Still continuing to help support and promote the out of school care offered at Monikie primary. We have also continued to retain contact with Monikie PTP. Hopefully this year will allow for more joint ventures again.

Christmas show - supported the film show with costume and prop donations. Not that many of us were actually at school in the 70s...ahem...

Trips & purchases - Paid for Halloween party bags for all pupils. Continued the tradition of Christmas party presents still being sourced, wrapped and labelled for all pupils. Purchased P.7 Leavers hoodies and held a presentation. Paid for and supplied sports day medals, treat bags, refreshments and strawberry tart making supplies. Paid for cinema snacks and lunches for the summer trip to Ryze and the cinema. And a lovely gift was purchased and created for Mrs Carson and her new baby.

Social media - continue to encourage families and staff to use Twitter, Facebook and Dojo etc and share as much information as possible on social media such as Speakeasy links, ASN, Mental Health, Education resources, Free period Angus, Angus Council pandemic advice. Still support other online groups such as CONNECT (formerly SPTC), other online networks and Parent Chair Voice (Angus).

Treasurer's Report

£927.75 at start of year, £785.75 at year end.

Over £200 fundraised.

See PDF attachment for more details.

Head Teacher Report

Staffing

Joyce Gray will teach Monday/Tuesday and Gemma Masson Wednesday to Friday this session at Newbigging.

Anne Bruce continues to work Monday to Wednesday all day and Thursday morning.

HT is on site most Mondays am and Tuesday's pm and all day Thursday. Kellie Smith all day Friday.

Susan Sturrock and Angie Strachan support children on alternate Fridays.

School Improvement

Angus Council, led by the Scottish Government, have encouraged all schools to focus on recovery until the summer of 2022, this means that we will look at ways in which we can support children in fulfilling their potential and closing any gaps created due to lockdown. Our main driver this session is HWB, building a resilient school community. A part of this was to revisit our school's Vision, value and aims. After discussions with the children and staff we have identified values that we feel are at the heart of what we do here at Newbigging. We would like the parent's views on this too. A short online questionnaire will go live about this and we plan to re-launch our school VVA by the end of this term. We are also continuing to develop Read Write Ink and Keys to Literacy to support reading. This will involve staff training, reading rubrics development and further resources being purchased.

Due to the disruption this session our updated Curriculum Rational, including a new three year plan, will now be developed during the autumn term. We will seek feedback at our next PC meeting around this.

Finance

We have monies in our school budgets for DSM, school fund and PEFD. We have a finance meeting in two weeks to get updated amounts. This will be shared with the PC at the next meeting.

ICT update

We are waiting for delivery of new laptops/chrome books. We are developing staff training opportunities in areas that refresh online tools and school software as we have many new staff.

OOSC (out of school club)

The OOSC is up and running and has many families accessing their service, both from Monikie and surrounding schools. Transport is provided and children are brought to Monikie Primary and the club runs until 6pm.

They have a limit of 20 places currently, however, they do have further capacity to grow.

They are looking to run a club during the second week of the October holidays. If you have any queries, please contact the OOSC directly.

Other events

Due to the COVID restrictions we have had to adapt how we do things here at Newbigging. Examples of this have been...

High School Transition – visits from Carnoustie High school staff to our P7 have already taken place. Timetable of activities throughout the session to support transition to CHS.

Swimming for P5-7 - should take place from October to February 10-12 on Friday mornings along with Monikie Primary pupils. Mr McLean and Miss Smith will supervise.

Christmas trip - we are looking to visit the cinema for P3-7 and Funbox for P1/2 next term – we hope the PC can support us in funding part of this trip.

End of term service – At the point of writing, guidance for schools has not changed since June 2021, therefore there will be no harvest festival. However we will look to do a service at Christmas, hopefully face to face.

We will hopefully be taking all the children from both schools to Monikie Park for a whole school picnic on Thursday 30th September 2021 to celebrate the end of our first term back.

Nominations for PC roles

Chair - Kathryn Foot

Treasurer - Lynsey Milne

Secretary - Julia Boyle

Charis McConnell - Parent helper member

Lorna Rogers - Parent Helper member

All roles nominated and seconded by Joyce Gray, Kellie Smith, Kathryn Foot, Charis McConnell, Lynsey Milne and Julia Boyle.

AGM ends @ 6.30pm

NPPC Meeting

13th September 2021 @ 6.30pm

Kathryn welcomes everyone to the meeting!

Visions, Values and Aims

Who are we at Newbigging? What defines us? Lots of buzzwords discussed with pupils and Kellie Smith will arrange to send parents out surveys to get their feedback too (**addendum** - already done).

Tony Jordan discussed changes from dated 'good to be green' rewards. Newbigging School has now started up a Kindness Cafe. Kellie Smith explained that children will be selected to attend the cafe, have a treat, play games and have fun! It will be a reward for showing acts of kindness, caring, being helpful etc. Also a 'Being Brave' initiative (to avoid the word resilient!).

Some parents have concerns that some may get left out as everyone is individual and may not display these traits in recognisable, obvious or 'normal' ways. Staff make assurances that they will do their utmost to recognise what is unique for each individual child. All parents like the initiative and feel that rewarding kindness has more powerful meaning than good to be green charts.

Fundraising

All discussed if fundraising should be done this year. Agreed to use current funds and review later in the year as trips, functions and gatherings are still restricted.

Kathryn Foot will liaise with new Monikie PTP Chair, Maggie McKendry, to discuss plans for a halloween disco. Monikie Primary school to hire out Monikie hall. Possibly two separate discos for different age groups. Disco date for diary, 29/10/21.

Christmas Art project - design christmas cards, mugs etc and the school receives a small part of the profit from the company. All agree worthwhile. KS to lead.

Leavers Hoodies

Staff request if PC can once again pay for Leavers Hoodies. Approx £15 each (3 pupils). All agree. Some discussion about colours and getting a 'spare'. To be decided with pupil input.

Future Events

Kellie has signed up both primary schools for the 'Pounds for Primaries' in The Evening Telegraph - collect tokens and the school may earn money towards fundraising. More information to be released and reminders on Dojo. **Addendum** - started weekend of 26th Sept in Evening Telegraph. Reminders on Dojo and local Newbigging Facebook page.

Future Christmas school trips to Funbox and cinema discussed. Staff request funding from PC to support tickets and snacks (Monikie PTP also donating per head). Amount needed to be decided at a later date.

AOB

Still have to work on raising school profile. KS is still chasing the libraries about having reading events and other ideas at school once restrictions ease more.

Meeting ends @7.30pm

Next meeting 01/11/21 @ 6pm

Any concerns, suggestions or questions please contact any staff member via dojo, email or by telephoning Newbigging Primary on 01382 768121. Or contact Newbigging Primary Parent Council on the private Facebook page Newbigging School Community or email NPPC.contact@gmail.com