

Rosemount Primary School Parent Council
Note of Meeting held on
Tuesday 17th November 2020
6.00pm via Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present

Georgina Mallie, Jennifer Davies, Jillian Strachan, Hayley Zimmerman, Donna Buist, Christine Kennedy, Jacqui Fraser, Catriona Edwards

Apologies

Sarah Pettigrew

Agenda

Jillian spoke regarding minutes from last meeting being posted onto Parent Council Facebook page, trying to make it more accessible to parents. Jillian also stated that the page is difficult to navigate and there is not much interaction on the page.

Jillian also asked if there had been any further concerns with parking around the school as discussed at AGM. Mrs Mallie advised that the Community Police had made several drive-bys and will continue to do so. There has also been the new appointment of a Crossing Patroller at the bottom of the road.

Head Teachers Update

Staffing – Mrs Carolyn Anderson is now working in P4 Wed- Fri and Mrs Rae has taken over in P7 (formerly Mrs Kemp’s class following her appointment as a Recovery Teacher)

School Updates: As a school team we continue to operate within the Guidance for Schools and are continually reviewing and adjusting our safety measures as this is updated. Our systems are working well and we are all coping with the new normal.

The ventilation guidance requires us to keep doors and windows open throughout the day and it is vital that pupils (and staff) dress warmly as we approach the onset of winter weather. We will continue to use our outdoor spaces as much as possible.

Tayside Contracts has introduced a hot lunch menu which is proving popular and welcome on the colder days. However, there will be no Christmas menu offered this year.

The school received a £1500 Covid Grant which has been used to support families in need and also to purchase a stock of winter and waterproof clothes that can be accessed by all who require them.

We now have a school website which will be another source of information for parents. It is still a work in progress but a good start has been made. Any feedback on what else you would find helpful would be appreciated.

A private You Tube channel was also created to allow us to share videos which were too large to share any other way. These can only be viewed via a link which will be sent out to parents when things are posted there. We are hoping that we might be able to share some Christmas fun via this medium!

We have signed up for an online panto for Christmas (Covidella and the Masked Ball). Although classes will need to watch this in their individual classrooms it will still be something to look forward to.

Buildings: Work continues on the nursery annex however, it is now behind schedule and is unlikely to be open before spring. Over the October holidays work was also undertaken to remove the wild and overgrown shrubs from the car park and areas in front of classrooms. This is now a whole school project to make these areas an extension of the classroom spaces to augment our outdoor learning opportunities.

Treasurers Report

Christine provided current update with bank account. Account currently being transferred over. 2 signatories are required.

It would appear that some bank statements are missing. All mail sent to school was redirected to Forfar during lockdown.

Fundraising

Hayley had suggested a movie afternoon but due to the virtual pantomime it was decided that Parent Council would offer a tuck bag for children instead. Further details to be discussed by Parent Council.

Christine suggested a Fairy trail / Christmas trail, hunt the elf using Rosemount Woods. Have a trail sheet, colouring competition.

Catriona suggested a calendar. Pupils could draw a picture and these could be made into a calendar.

A request had been made from school for the Parent Council to purchase waterproof trousers for P2 and P3, to enable outdoor learning despite the inclement weather.

The Parent Council had been fundraising towards Chrome books for school and Mrs Mallie provided an update to advise that the school have been able to fund 30 Chrome books. However another 6 Chrome books or ipads would be good.

A.O.C.B

Christine wished to discuss parents/carers sitting in their cars waiting for their children with their engines running. With the nursery children being outside and playing in the woods beside the cars sitting idly and emitting fumes. Christine wishing parents/cares to think about switching their engines off.

Mrs Mallie wished to ask the members present for their thoughts and views on Christmas cards this year. Due to Covid-19, the cards would require to be quarantined for 72 hours prior to handing them out. The school had thought no cards or one card for the class could be sent in. This card would be read out by the teacher and put up on the wall. It was decided that one card could be brought in this year.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 6.15pm via zoom