

Woodlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 16th November 2021 @ 7:30pm – Online via Teams.

1. Welcome and attendance

Welcome by the Chair Kim Thorne

Present

- Kim Thorne (KT) Chair
- Louise Kelly (LK) Treasurer
- Jenny Grant (JG) Secretary
- Suzanne Smith (SS) Principal
- Judith Connor (JC) Vice Principal
- Steph Mann (SM)
- Laura Ferguson (LF)
- Audrey Gregory (AG)
- Jen Kennedy (JK)
- Susan Cassidy (SC)
- Sophie Thompson (ST)

Apologies from Bea Finlayson (BF)

2. Previous minutes

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Actions carried forward. SS to share photos of the chromebooks to PC facebook page

3. P7 fundraising activity

Leaver hoodies to be organized by the parents – nothing to do with the school.

Activities in activity week planned for the end of May include 2 days at Willowgate. Another 3 days free. Looking like it will cost around £100. Other suggestions include a pizza afternoon and walk or cycle to Barry Mill for a picnic. Francos do afternoon teas and pizza nights.

PC keen to fund a specific activity such as a day at Odeon.

Potential funding of £40 for healthy and fair trade snacks from Coop. Worth talking to the manager as they are keen to support community activities.

Miss Breen and LF to talk to children about what they want to do and costs.

4. Christmas fundraising

Suggestion to hold a Christmas raffle to raise funds. Do some themed hampers as prizes, similar to bingo night. Do the draw before the end of term. KT and LK offered to coordinate the tickets through the school office.

All to try to get donations of prizes for the raffle.

Suggestions for prizes:

- Cinema tickets
- Games bundle
- Food and drink from Coop
- Friday night in
- Pets
- Baking

Funds could go partly towards P7 trip but billed as parent council.

M&M production been cancelled so some funds donated for the class Christmas parties. Classes are creating digital videos and will share with other classes and parents.

22 spare stockings from last year to be donated to nursery for them to do some crafts. AG to hand into school.

Also suggestion of holding a Christmas Jumper Day and collecting donations.

5. School update

SS gave an update. Focusing on literacy, spelling and reading. Implementing the sound reading system and teachers being trained. Focus is on sounds not phonics and seems to be going well. JC going to look into sending information out to parents.

SPSA Nicola Christie is looking at health and wellbeing. Aiming to create a den space with sensory equipment to go beyond H&W and include social and emotional wellbeing and mindfulness.

Rights respecting schools also being built into the curriculum.

Reviewing the vision, values and aims starting with p6.

Pupil voice been difficult with covid restrictions – each class is taking on a group. P6 doing eco-school, p6M doing pupil council, p7 young leaders.

Developing a plan for the playground to minimise mixing of classes.

Any feedback to be forwarded to Suzanne.

Covid - School remains open and essential visitors only. 2m social distancing still in place and are still very cautious. Are allowing minimal mixing, i.e. p7s are reading to p1s. School has been lucky with not having to isolate and too many issues with staff absences.

6. Future events

Would be good to have a spring and summer disco if possible.

7. Toy appeal / Helping families

Discussion around hosting Angus Toy Appeal and helping some local families in need.

PC keen to support approx. 12 local families with £50 of supermarket vouchers to help over Christmas. It was decided to use the funds from the Christmas jumper day and Christmas raffle along with some surplus funds from the chromebooks to support these families and to do a donation for the class Christmas parties.

Focus on p7 fundraising after Christmas. .

8. Next meeting

Next meeting will be 18th January. Need to think about succession planning as KT, SM and JG will be stepping down from PC at the end of the school year.