

Woodlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19th February 2021 @ 7.00pm – Online via Teams.

1. Welcome and attendance

Welcome by Chair –Kim Thorne.

Present

- Kim Thorne (KT) Chair
- Niona Soutar (NS) Vice-Chair
- Louise Kelly (LK) Treasurer
- Jenny Grant (JG) Secretary
- Suzanne Smith (SS) Principal
- Judith Connor (JC) Vice Principal
- Laura Ferguson (LF)
- Bea Finlayson (BF)
- Steph Mann (SM)
- Audrey Gregory (AG)
- Fiona Reynolds (FR)

Apologies

- Sophie Thompson (ST)

2. Previous minutes

Previous minutes (10th Nov 2020), approved by BF and seconded by SM.

3. Covid Update

SS gave an update on Covid and home learning.

- Remote learning is thought to be until at least mid-February.
- Guidance is due from Scottish Government by the end of the week.
- The school is planning to reduce the amount of work on the grid and move some activities to optional activities based on feedback from parents. Key learning will be highlighted in bold. The school will keep this under review. Teachers are happy to take feedback and some teachers are planning to make use of more videos.
- Covid grant was spent helping various families and also bought some equipment for the playground for all classes so all children will benefit.
- Feedback from parents is that more seem to be working during this lockdown and finding the home schooling more challenging to manage.

4. Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

SS gave an update on the PEF money which has been used to invest in technology (chromebooks) and also in literacy. The school is very grateful for the PC support to buy the chromebooks.

The school is considering outdoor learning space. They are keen to have something that could be accessed year round in all weathers. A quote for £23K has been received but it is not covered by the PEF.

5. Chromebook fundraising update

A further 5 chromebooks have been purchased from the grant sourced by Bea.

There is £1452 available to transfer to the school and then the school will order the next batch of chromebooks. Parent council have bought 7 already and have enough for a further 7.

Bea is 7 runs into the total of 12 and doing great, many thanks for all her efforts.

There is £1300 left to raise. Original target was £2800 for 20 Chromebooks.

6. Fundraising opportunities

Kim sold 70 sweetie cones and 30 fudge boxes at Christmas.

Joke books were well received with 77 being sold.

The Stockings didn't take off really so will be held for next year or donated to a class as an activity.

Facemasks are still available in woodland tartan and should be shared on the main PC facebook page.

Other fundraising ideas were discussed:

- Easter themed treasure hunt or raffle
- Mother's day themed activity / raffle
- Online bingo / quiz night.
- Something to promote Bea's runs. Maybe a sponsored run for the children to join in the last mile of her run.
- Online sale / exchange and collect donations for things.
- Homeschool raffle with booze as prizes.

7. AOB

- Fiona representing P4 and was invited to join PC. Fiona to talk to Kim re joining.

8. Date of next meetings

- 27th April 2021
- 1st June 2021