

# Woodlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 7.00pm – Online via Teams.**

## 1. Welcome and attendance

Welcome by Chair –Kim Thorne.

### Present

- Kim Thorne (KT) Chair
- Niona Soutar (NS) Vice-Chair
- 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)
- Sophie (S)

Welcome to the new members Audrey and Sophie.

### Apologies

- Louise Kelly (LK) Treasurer
- Fiona

## 2. Previous minutes

Previous minutes (25<sup>th</sup> August 2020), approved by BF and seconded by SM.

## 3. Update from School

SS gave an update on things from the school.

- The book bundles put together by Parent Council were amazing and very well received by the children. Everything about them was lovely, the wrapping and quotes as well as the books. The school and children are very grateful.
- Thanks also for the Chromebook fundraising. The school is very grateful and they will make a big difference to the children.
- Remembrance day will be different from usual. The P7s have painted stoned and laid a wreath. There will be silence in school tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup>).
- Learning is very different but it is great to have the children back in school.
- Covid grant – The school is looking how best to support families who are suffering poverty as a result of Covid. They have received a grant of £1500 to help families and have emailed

parents to ask them to get in touch if they need support. They would like to raise awareness of this opportunity and ask Parent Council to highlight to each year's facebook groups. SS will clarify to parents that it is a grant. Discussions are on-going with Co-op about foodbank and what can be done. Sophie suggested Social Supermarket and will talk to Suzanne about options to make the grant go further.

- Christmas: M&M show has been re-scheduled to Christmas 2021. Each class is going to do their own activity for Christmas, e.g. nativity, songs, animation etc and this will be shared with families. The last week before Christmas will be a fun week where they will watch all classes videos, wear PJs or party clothes, have a film afternoon etc.
- First aid courses might be re-scheduled to next year and it would be great if Parent Council could pay for it. Cost is approx. £395. Looking at options for online courses with certificates. Audrey is aware and will check for a link.
- Angus is going into level 3 on Friday but not much change other than for high-risk children and staff.

#### 4. Book Bundles activity

KT gave thanks to all for help with wrapping of the bundles. Better World Books provided most of the books and were great to work with. Think it's something that could be repeated, maybe for World Book Day in 2022.

Kim did a great job organizing everything and all PC are very grateful to her.

#### 5. Chromebook fundraising update

Currently at £921.90 plus £1000 from Persimmon Homes thanks to Bea for applying for the additional funding. That means we are over halfway to buying 20 chromebooks.

Thanks to Bea for her half marathons, she is doing brilliantly and we are very grateful. All to try to promote sponsorship wherever possible.

Kim sold 147 sweetie cones for Halloween and 20 advent calendars are sold. Planning to do some more sweetie cones and fudge boxes for Christmas.

Kim to transfer £1000 to the school for Chromebooks.

Discussion about further fundraising activities. Things that work well are when people can buy something or get something in return for donations. Suggestions were Face masks in School Tartan. JG and AG to ask if family members can make masks and do a trial to see how popular they are.

Online auction considered but need further thought on what items we could get.

#### 6. Joke books

Got some contributions but still need jokes from all classes. Joke book is going to be A4 and have random different covers as lots of children have designed covers.

NS/SS will remind teachers about jokes.

All to send KT jokes.

## 7. Panto

NTL are doing a live showing of a panto and there is free access to all school children.

## 8. AOB

- Personalised stockings were suggested for raising some money for Chromebooks. Audrey offered to look into it.
- Steph shared a link to the Parent Council logo

## 9. Date of next meetings

- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021