

# Woodlands Primary School Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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
- Bea Finlayson (BF)
- Laura Ferguson (LF)
- Steph Mann (SM)
- Audrey Gregory (AG)

Apologies from Sophie Thompson (ST)

### 2. Previous minutes

Previous minutes (19<sup>th</sup> January 2021) – need to change the Chromebook target to £3800 – Action JG.

### 3. Covid Update

SS gave an update on Covid.

- Lovely to have the children back. Still have restrictions in place and some restricted movement in the playground.
- Teachers are assessing how the children are doing and feedback will be considered when developing the school improvement plan for next year.
- School received another covid grant and SS emailed out to all parents and contacted families previously supported directly too. Parent Council could publicise this on the Facebook page and put on the class FB pages too. Trying to ensure that everyone who might be interested is aware prior to starting to allocate funding. **Action** - SS send text and Parent Council members to share to class pages.

### 4. School Uniform

School is moving back to requiring school uniform to be worn after the summer holidays with PE kit on outdoor gym days. School will send information out to parents.

Clothing for cold days was discussed as Covid restrictions mean classroom windows are open.

Thicker tops were considered and school prefers no hoods. It is difficult to know what the advice will

be by winter. Fleece blankets were suggested and thought to be a good idea if restrictions are still in place in winter term.

## 5. Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

The school is considering outdoor learning space with a big focus on nurture activities. They are keen to have something that could be accessed year round in all weathers. There is a huge variety of prices. Kids club are interested in sharing the space as they are currently operating from Burnside and children are bussed to and from school. Might be potential to share the cost and school are going to meet with kids club to discuss.

The smallest and cheapest building considered is £7278, delivered and installed with groundworks and electrics extra.

Another option 7mx 4m is £9596 and another 5.4mx 5.4m is £10,700.

The outdoor classroom with renewable energy eco-pack (solar panel, wind turbine, monitoring board and data logger and providing energy for heat and lighting) is £31,267 (with groundwork extra). Eco-pack only provided with this building and not available separately. **Action JG:** Look into renewable energy packs for outdoor buildings.

Discussion around what grants might be available. School is unable to access grants directly, these would need to be applied for by parent council or kids club. BF going to look into grants.

## 6. Pupil reports

Pupil reports will be in the same format as last year. The date for these coming out has moved a week to w/c 18<sup>th</sup> June, allowing 1 week for feedback prior to the end of term.

## 7. Magazine subscriptions

There is a newspaper called the Happy Newspaper - only reporting happy news. Discussion if it would be of interest to the school and if sufficient funding was available we could pay for a subscription. **Action AG:** Check costs.

## 8. Succession planning

Some thought is need on how to encourage parents of younger children to join parent council.

## 9. Meetings 2021/22

SS and JC to suggest some dates for meetings next year.

## 10. AOB

- The Gofundme page will be kept open as BF still doing some half marathons.
- Thanks from SS on behalf of the school to the whole parent council. The chromebooks are great and having them is a massive benefit and making a difference for the children.