

Woodlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 7th September 2022 @ 7pm – Online via Teams.

1. Welcome and attendance

Welcome by the Chair Audrey Gregory

Present

- Audrey Gregory (AG) Chair
- Louise Kelly (LK) Treasurer
- Suzanne Smith (SS) Principal
- Judith Connor (JC) Vice Principal
- Laura Ferguson (LF)
- Bea Finlayson (BF)
- Jen Kennedy (JK)
- Susan Cassidy (SC)

Apologies from Sophie Thompson (ST)

2. Previous minutes

Previous minutes (3rd May 2022) approved by BF and seconded by SC.

3. School Update

JC/SS gave an update.

No longer looking at new build outdoor classroom. Exploring options to upgrade existing outdoor classroom.

Improvement plans – focus on health & wellbeing (zones of regulation) helping children to recognize different emotions and express these safely. Ongoing work around literacy -new reading system introduced 'sound reading system' and being rolled out throughout the school with good feedback so far.

Christmas shows planned – less people to attend at a time so possible fewer tickets

Curricular afternoons being scheduled – will be over 2-3 afternoons instead of previous single afternoons per class to allow for spacing of the number of visitors in any area at a time.

Lets now available!!

SS has again successfully accessed winter fund (£2500) which will be used to support Woodlands families in need. Vouchers provided in previous years has worked well and been much appreciated.

Finance Update

The Parent Council Bank Account currently has a balance of £1727. In previous years we have provided support to the school for first aid training and contribution towards M&M productions.

All agreed we would provide a contribution towards the M&M production and first aid training costs this year.

Asked if PC might support development of outdoor classroom. Discussion of exploring access to outdoor clothing (wellies & waterproofs) – **BF will explore**

4. Fundraising Plans / Discussion

P7 residential planned for May 2023 – new location: Crieff. Likely to be 3 days and 2 nights (W,Th & Fri). Estimated cost of £210 + transport. Questioned if PC could assist with financial support. Discussed that would not wish for any child to miss out due to funding. Will consider/explore nearer the time on individual situations.

It was agreed that the PC can support the children to fundraise towards their trip with the children/parents taking the lead.

AG will liaise with the council to see if we can book lets for the school for discos and a bingo night.

AG to input lets for rest of the year for PC meetings, discos and bingo night

The school will not be holding a Christmas Fayre this year. It was agreed PC should hold another Christmas raffle, the money raised for this will be donated to the school to help support families.

5. AOB

Keen to increase membership of PC and support school events e.g. parents night

AG to order T-shirts for parent council members to wear at school events