

Woodlands Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday 26th January 2023 @ 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
- Bea Finlayson (BF)
- Susan Cassidy (SC)
- Sophie Thompson (ST)
- Tanya Quinn (TQ)

Apologies from Jen Kennedy (JK), Laura Ferguson (LF), Lisa Wilkie (LS), Lyndsey Dale & Kirsti Begg

2. Previous minutes

Previous minutes (19th October 2022) approved by BF and seconded by AG.

3. School Update

The school have been in discussions with Alba to develop the school grounds, Judith advised things are now looking positive and hopefully things will get signed off shortly. A site visit was arranged between Robertsons and Alba to discuss the pond location and the plan is for the P7s to work with Alba to create the pond.

Zones of Regulations is being rolled out across the school from nursery to P7s. The school will send out some information on this to parents shortly.

Parents evening scheduled for 21st February and 2nd March.

A Curriculum and learning afternoon is planned for later in the term and info will be sent out once the details have been finalized.

A SRS workshop was held for P1 & P2s parents and drop in sessions will be available on parents evenings for P3 to P7 parents to give them an overview of SRS.

The school have introduced Seasons for Growth, an education program to support young people who are affected by change, loss and grief including bereavement, family separation etc. Mrs Lorimer is leading the program with two groups running at the moment. The SPSAs also use kitbag to

help support children's health and wellbeing along with the Den. The school plan to send a video home to let parents see the Den.

AG mentioned she had become aware of 'Let's introduce anxiety management (LIAM) in early intervention, an NHS training offer to help in the treatment of anxiety.

SS/AG to review Let's introduce anxiety management (LIAM)

4. Diary Dates & Event Planning

Disco – a disco had been scheduled for 9th February however all agreed to leave for this term and rearrange for Term 4.

Bingo Night – Friday 17th March

Bingo caller is needed. Discussion over prizes. Suggested hampers; Movie night, Pamper night, Tea/Coffee, Stationery, Easter hamper, Story time. Arrangements to be finalized on group chat.

AGM – Wednesday 3rd May

5. Fundraising – Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle was a great fund raiser and 18 families were support with some vouchers. The raffle was drawn by children in the school.

6. Fundraising

A donation was made for the Christmas panto and to the nursery for books. Some feedback from the P6&P7s was the panto was not suitable for the older children. ST suggested a possible theatre/interactive session. Travel costs often make these things difficult but SS to consider alternative Christmas activity.

The parent council had previously agreed to consider supporting the P7 residential however the school have been able to source alternative support to families.

AG looked in to the First aid course however wasn't sure the current training was suitable. AG will look into alternative options.

SS will discuss with staff if any further support needed from PC. School still looking to develop outdoor classroom and previously discussed wellies, waterproofs. Bea has been looking at grants.

7. Kids Club

There is no longer a kids club running at Woodlands, the service wasn't economically viable and the company went in to liquidation. A new company has come in and currently provision has been made for Woodlands children to be bussed along to Burnside and parents collect from Burnside however there is no breakfast club and less flexibility. Tayside contracts are unable to offer a breakfast club.

AG to contact local MSP re issues around lack of breakfast club

8. AOB

PVG checks need to be completed by PC members. Judith has sent the forms via email.

All to return PVG form to Judith

9. Future Dates

Date of Next Meeting and AGM – Wednesday 3rd May

Bingo Night – Friday 17th March