**Borgue Parent Teacher Council Meeting**

**9/3/22**

**Present:** Fiona Christie, Iain Coleman, Laura Moodie, Emma Coleman, Sarah McCarthy

**Apologies:** Ade Stovell

Mrs Kirk off with Covid again.

**Headteacher recruitment**

Interviews took place last week but the post will be re-advertised once the partnership review is settled, likely after summer.

**School Roll**

Anticipated to be 19. Head has been advised to prepare for a single class next year. Threshold has been reduced to 20, not 19. School is making a case for two teachers, not one and have indicated they wish to get a probationer. Very dependent on how many probationers there are. Budget cuts mean Council looking for savings wherever they can. Won’t know how many probationer placements there are until May.

**IC:** Someone in every year of Primary, is there a case to be made for the broad spread of needs and abilities.

**LM:** Need to keep some space available for if families move into the area or home educating families change their minds. Mrs Christie happy to speak to people about the school.

**FC:** Raising at headteacher’s meeting possibility of paying a Learning Assistant to run after-school club.

**EC:** Sibling groups in same classes also makes for a challenging learning environment.

How to challenge this? D&G Council complaints procedure, Vanessa Morris parent liaison. Need to be proactive.

IC: Suggests PTC draft template letter for parents to send.

**Mrs Harrison**

Mrs Harrison maternity leave starts 9th May. Ellen Carr will replace her until school holidays. Ms Carr has been doing some learning assistant work and getting to know the children.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Received Payment from Council of £166.66 and Easy Fundraising £87.50.

£148.23 out for music.

£2,546.72

**ACTION: Sarah to speak to Donna and Christine about organising Borgue Fair**

**Volunteers needed!**

Gambling licence has been renewed.

Partnership summer outing planned for Ernespie Farm Park - £13 per child.

AGREED; PTC to pay for full cost of farm park visit (£312).

**Timing of Meetings**

Consider returning to meetings in school day on site. Need to enable more people to get involved.

**ACTION: LM to speak to Ade about daytime meetings.**

**Community Cinema**

March 18th – screening – volunteers needed.

**ACTION: LM to chase Ade re: Email address for PTC to contact all the parents with template letter.**

**General School Update**

* Active Schools input. P4-7 rugby for active schools.
* P4-7 have been planning and enjoying outdoor sessions on Friday.
* Mrs Harrison has been changing balance of play and formal learner, involving children planning and designing more of their play.
* Scots Poetry competition went well (eventually)!
* Now able to proceed with transition arrangements for incoming P1s and outgoing P7s.
* Sports Day being planned.
* P4-7 Enterprise Project organising a jubilee party next term.
* School Improvement Plan – Staff development work on writing. Traditionally a lot of school focus on narrative and creative writing, now looking to incorporate more factual/formal writing.
* School self-evaluation and identifying priorities next term for session 2022-23.

**ACTION: Add item to next PTC agenda to discuss priorities for improvement and development.**

**AOB**

EC: Do children do any semi-formal drama, other than Christmas play?

FC: It is part of the curriculum but not something she’s come across at Borgue yet.

**ACTION: FC to look into drama provision at Borgue.**

**Next meeting: Thursday 28th April, in school 1:45pm.**