**Minutes of Brownhall Parent Council Meeting, held on Monday 25th November 2019, 6.30pm at Brownhall Primary School**

**Present:** Gayle Johnstone, Julie McClelland, Steph Watterson, James Riddick, Kelly Kirk

**In Attendance**: Miss Cochrane, Mr Gray

**Apologies:** Elaine Henderson, Mandy Maxwell, Laney Gillespie, Donna Broadfoot, Natalie Farrell,

**Welcome / Chair**

Gayle Johnstone welcomed everyone to the meeting. Previous minutes agreed by Kelly and Gayle.

**Head Teachers Report:**

Miss Cochrane confirmed the school roll is currently at 45, leaving 2 spaces. P1 enrolment will be over 13th / 14th January 2020, if there are 5 or more new P1’s the school will move back to 3 classes.

Miss Cochrane advised she is still awaiting a response regarding the possibility of Brownhall lunches being prepared at Caerlaverock. This was brought up at the budget meeting at The Bridge and is being looked in to. Councillor Elaine Murray has asked Gillian Bryson to investigate.

Miss Cochrane is currently undertaking the I.O.S.H course (Institute of Safety and Health).

Miss Cochrane and members of the parent council attended a meeting regarding school budget cuts. Key points were:

* Possibility of losing crossing patrol
* Hot school lunches only being available 3 days per week instead of 5
* Additional Learning Support teachers to be taken out of schools and placed in one area and utilised as and when required.

There is a website for parents to submit their comments online. If you would like to read over the budget cut plans and respond please visit: [www.dumgal.gov.uk/budget](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/budget) - responses can be submitted online or by downloading, printing and posting a response form. It would be great if as many people as possible could submit their views as these changes will affect our school.

**Treasurers Report:**

The balance of the Parent Council Account is £202.26. As per previous discussions £180 will be gifted to the school once new signatories are formalised.

The Halloween Party raised £104.62! ☺

Fund Raising account balance is £2003.84. The parent council has previously agreed to fund 2 new laptops – this is still in progress due to upgrading current systems to Windows 10.

The Parent Council agreed to donate £120 to fund this year’s pantomime – Aladdin.

**PTO**

**Christmas Show – Taking place at the School**

There will be 2 performances of the Christmas Show – Wednesday 11th December @ 1.45pm and Thursday 12th December @ 6.30pm. Tickets £2 per person (letter regarding this already sent home with children). There will be a raffle on both days, with raffle tickets being sold at the door before each performance. **We are looking for donations of raffle prizes, please hand in to the school. There will be an opportunity to win lovely hampers! (kids and adults)**

**Fund Raising:**

**Sweetie Quiz:**

One for the New Year - Quiz sheets will be sold at 50p each. There will be a prize for the person drawn from the correct entries.

**Carol Singing:**

Donna Broadfoot confirmed carol singing will take place at Tesco (Cuckoo Bridge one) on Friday 6th December from 6pm-7pm. Wrap up warm!

**Christmas Lucky Squares:**

Christmas square sheets will be given to children to bring home – 20p per square with the chance to win a Christmas Hamper! **All donations for hamper gratefully received, please hand in any hamper items to the school.**

**AOB**

James Riddick spoke with David Mundell regarding the budget cuts and Oliver Mundell is going to look into the issues raised. James will update if he hears anything further.

**Dates for Diary:**

**Next Meeting - 20th January 2020, 6.30pm, Brownhall Primary.**

**On behalf of Brownhall Parent Council, I wish you all a very happy Christmas!**