**Crossmichael Primary School Parent Council**

**Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Monday 9th May 2021 after the AGM on Zoom**

1. **Apologies** – Lucy Wilson, Natalie Richards, Emma McCracken, Sarah Cooper

**Attendees** – Ben Wilde (Chair), Shani McMiken (Treasurer), Debs Nelson, Hannah Green, Mary Cruickshanks (Headteacher).

1. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – agreed as a true record proposed Ben Wilde, seconded Shani McMiken.
2. **Chairperson’s Report** – Nothing additional to AGM.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – **Opening Balance £1,773.33**

Income

Nil

Expenditure

Easter Eggs £39.00

**Closing Balance £1,734.33**

1. **Headteacher’s Report** – Nothing additional to AGM report.
2. **Resources Needed for the School** - Mrs Stevens had complied a list of resources that the outdoor classroom would benefit from which was shared it includes: Binoculars, magnifying glass, magnifying bug jars, large white board, pencils, clip boards, big flasks, dustpan and brush, coat hooks, leaf/ tree, flower, bird, insect identification poster, tent pegs, string, compass, bird feeders. It was discussed whether this should be costed or a budget set, it was decided that a budget should be set as if Mrs Stevens had to cost everything then come back for approval if would mean the items would probably not be available until next term. A budget of £400 was set and it was suggested by DN that some of the items were things that families might have at home and be willing to donate to the school. BW is to put a message on the facebook page with the list and a request for donations.
3. **Arrangements for end of year including P7 farewells** – MC informed the Parent Council that Nikos restaurant in Castle Douglas had very kindly offered to host a free P7 meal – Greek buffet and pizza. It will be a partnership event with the P7 pupils from both Crossmichael and Gelston, the P7 teachers, Head Teacher and the Principal Teachers from both schools. Leaver’s assembly will take place it will possibly have to take place outside to accommodate the size of the school now and the parents who wish to attend. The Parent Council usually purchase the High School ties for the P7’s as a present and the school off will organise this and we will get an invoice. The school will get the pupils scientific calculators and will look at doing a memory book, the P7 parents have organised leaver’s hoodies. In the past the P7 parents have organised a limo for the pupils.
4. **Sports Day –** Sports Day is Tuesday 7th June, parents will be invited. The teachers are trying to work out how we will stick to time as there are so many more pupils in the school now than in the past. There will be potted sports in the morning.
5. **School Trip -**  P4-7 are having a Loch Ken Ranger Visit and the P6/7 are going to visit the Viking Hoard in Kirkcudbright. The transport for both these trips has been covered by the organisers which is fantastic. The school are going to look at organising a trip for the younger pupils and suggestions included: Kirkcudbright Planetarium, Ernespie, Cocoa Bean, Threave, Drumlanrig. Parent Council would help cover the cost.

1. **Classing Arrangements** **for next year -** 
   1. P1-3 – Mrs Marshreider
   2. P3/4 – Miss Drummond
   3. P4-6 – Mrs Glover
   4. P6/7 – Mrs Stevens
2. **Fundraising** –The school are having a Jubilee Celebration Picnic on Tuesday 31st May and parents will be invited. Active Schools will be there and it was suggested we should piggyback on this as a possible fundraiser with a raffle, and bake stall. DN will ask some local businesses to supply prizes and we will also ask for parental donations. The prizes will need to be in before Friday 27th May so they can be organised over the weekend. We will also ask parent to supply baking for the bake stall.

1. **AOB** –
   1. There was a message from Sarah Carson about the traffic on St Michael Street, another issue raised was the bin lorry arriving as the children were getting dropped to school. MC said a parent has raised it directly with the Council and the bin collection should be changed. Parking at village hall is being used but is full. Council have been in contact with MC about traffic measures at Gelston Primary and she raised it with them about Crossmichael’s issues.
   2. The resources available from RHET was raised by DN. Besides the agricultural based opportunities like farm tours, trip to the Highland Show RHET have a huge focus on sustainability. MC said she is hoping to put a 3 year rolling program in place getting agencies and businesses written in to take advantage of the various opportunities. It will be a strategic plan looking at experiences and outcomes rather than on an ad hoc basis. They have been looking at the workforce with Jill Hall coming in to do a jewellery workshop and they would like to develop this further with other parents coming in.

BW mentioned that there is a funding stream available from the Co-op it is local community fund round 8. It mentions a breakfast club which is something Mrs Glover had been looking into and which had a great response. If anyone has any good ideas and we need money it is possible we could apply to this fund.

1. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 29th August 2022 to plan for the term ahead it will be Hybrid in person with the possibility of video link.