

Dalbeattie Primary Parent Council

10th November 2022

Present

Mrs Duncan – HT.(ED)

Mrs Howie – DHT(AH)

Valerie White (VW)

Amy Bell (AB)

Justine Henderson(JH)

Wendy Murray(WM)

Katy McGimpsey(KM)

Siobhan Stitt(SS)

Jenna Whalen(JW)

Kim Kalotka(KK)

Tracey Hall. (TH)

Demi Burgess(DB)

Davie Stitt (DS)

Apologies

Louise Keegan

Laura Geddes

C. Carson

Ian Blake

Minutes of Meeting

- **Welcome**

VW welcomed everyone to the meeting, commented on the good turn out and the success of the school disco.

- **Head Teachers Report**

Staffing - HT.ED shared that there were 10 classes as of the re-start in August.

Some staff absences – but staffing now settled in classes

Mrs Wixon had left the school to begin a new career

Staff continue to participate in literacy sessions with Steven Graham

Cluster meeting of all Staff both primary and secondary took place – first time in person since Covid 19 restrictions.

Attainment meetings with Mrs. Duncan and class teachers being held

ASL – No extra hours but did keep the third person on staff

ASL continues to work hard to meet the needs of pupils despite being spread thinly

Mrs Fortnum has a workable timetable to support pupils

Pupil attendance – attendance was variable but was being monitored weekly

Fundraising - £1800 raised by pupil sponsored walk made up to £2000 by addition of £200 from the school fund by HT.ED

£500 – to Mrs Howie for outside learning project and remaining £1500 to be shared between classes

Involvement in DHS Christmas Fare – class stalls

Carol service – Outside in playground 14th December (alternative Heughan Hall) Mrs. Duncan to complete risk assessment and confirm details. Parent Council serving refreshments after concert – consult with DHS Home Ec department on use of flasks/jugs – selling of canvas bags

Parents night – 23rd November 2022

In house events – Pupils took part in range of activities throughout the term including: harvest festival, Dr Bike / Bikeability, continuing participation in Walk to School event, Dental inspections, Flu vaccines, P7 Operation Safety and projects through youth work.

- **Treasurers Report**

TH shared that there is £755.71 in the parent council bank account.

Payment of £432.10 from PC to the school to clear monies owed.

TH to complete forms and give books to M. Burns for annual audit

Two payments received from the Council to PC account one for £170 and one for £168. Total £338 – money to be gifted from PC to Primary school as agreed by PC to be used as school see fit

£70 profit from sale of canvas bags

Money from school disco - £332.50 made at event plus additional donation of £50 from VW – minus £108.50 for juice and crisps and £50 donation to DHS for DJ Total profit = £173.71

- **Fundraising**

AB brought samples of Tea Towels that could be produced and sold for raising funds

Discussion on split of the school to create tea towels – decided on two designs P1-4 and P5-7

Discussion on time restraints of the project and that the deadline for completion and sending away would be 23rd Nov to be overseen by ED and AB - to ensure they can be old at the Carol service event

Discussion on design – school logo in the centre (sent from ED to AB) with year and stars around the edge – royal blue in colour

Decision made to order 150 of each design and take orders for any additional tea towels (150 = £1.82 purchase price – to be sold for £5 each)

Additional ideas – movie night / bingo night / stall at Christmas fare

Christmas fare stall – it was decided to have a stall at a cost of £10 to sell Christmas favours (snowmen cloths and Christmas pudding sweetie covers) kindly donated by DM's mum in addition to canvas tote bags and pre-loved Christmas jumpers. KK to make poster advertising Christmas fare and donation of pre-loved jumpers to the school office by 25th November to be posted on class Dojo.

Volunteers for Christmas fare stall – AB / KK / JW

Decision not to have Christmas movie night due to time restraints / hall and teacher availability

Valentines disco to be held on Thursday 9th Feb - to be discussed at next meeting

- **Cost of living**

Preloved Christmas Jumper donations

Free school meals – information shared continually on school newsletter

Low percentage of parents accessing clothing grants – financial supports

School promotes and shares information from foodbank, warm clothing, uniform donations and provides snacks, PE kit and water bottles in school when required.

Cost of school day budget – mainly used for school trip to keep costs down

HT.ED conscious of asking families for more donations after sponsored walk and children in need

Consultation of the Future of Education in Scotland

Face to Face meeting at the Bridge Dumfries 17th November and online 22nd November

VW to share any additional information with PC

Parent Council Connect

VW shared that courses are available through parent connect website – can sign up as parent council member

Site updated weekly and to be forwarded by VW to PC

AOB

Next meeting – possible invite to Vanessa (Surname ?)

Possible link to D&G National Parent Forum

TH to investigate getting a bank card for PC account

VW thanked everyone for attending meeting.

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 26th January @ 7p.m