

Meeting of REPHAD PARENT COUNCIL held online via Zoom, Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Ruth-Anne Henderson (Chairperson); Karen Logue (Head Teacher); Moira Baird (Depute Head Teacher); Natalie Lisi (Clerk); Lois Bodle (Nursery Staff Representative); Jenny Gregg; Ros Surtees; Silvana Watson (Parent Member); Naomi Miller; Fiona Shannon; Gavin Lee (Parent Member); Jen Leek; Willie Scobie

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Minutes of meeting held 17th June 2021** – Paula and Lois proposed and seconded the minutes from last meeting
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None
4. **Update from Chair** – Meetings still being held over zoom but good news to come from this is that the attendance rates of PTA meetings has increased due to them being online
5. **Fundraising** – Xmas cards, we send away the art work, order form comes back to school, goes to parents and order online. 5% profit if sent off on time.
 - Easyfundraising* – 2 new supporters in August. RA to write another letter to explain how it works to see if we can get some new supporters in before Xmas shopping starts. Letter to be sent out and shared on fb page also.
 - Xmas Fayre* – Parents not yet allowed in school buildings, so two options:
 - 1) online Xmas fb Fayre, last year raised nearly £1100 through that. Pros – comfort of home Cons – took a lot of work to set up. 2) Hold a physical Xmas Fayre off-site (Millenium Centre – SW to find out how much it would be / Holy Ground Community Church through GL with a donation). We usually do hot choc, each class selling something for their enterprise, Santa's Grotto...if it was an outside venue it would be RPC who would have to organise it all with other vendors. There may be a problem with insurance which will need to be checked out. For offline we would need to organise Santa's Grotto, stalls, paper plate decorating... RA has contacted the insurance company but not heard back yet so this could be an issue. We will need to wait to hear back from them before we can vote or organise anything. LB suggested we could maybe have physical Fayre mixed with an online raffle? Jenny mentioned an outside Fayre? This would be weather dependent and allowed numbers dependent. Facebook poll to decide on what we're doing.
6. **Update from Treasurer** – Main account balance as statement: 01.09.21 - £1336.60 However, the following transactions to be deducted:
 - A Milligan £12.50 – cover costs/sales of Stranraer Scottish week. This was paid by myself in cash to Councillor Scobie while proceeds were in transfer process via Paypal.
 - We sold 5 raffle books for Stranraer Scottish week where £12.50 went to them...
7. **Update from Headteacher** – 261 children (including nursery) 208 in the school with 1 new child starting next week. 9 classes and no bubbles in the nursery at the moment. Wider school staffing still to be recruited – clerical job to replace Mrs Jamieson and a PEF Learning Assistant. Mrs McNally from the nursery retiring after 26 years on October 8th and hiring will also take place. We have already asked for a donation and hopefully we can reflect that in a gift certificate. We are still waiting for restrictions to lift to be able to decide on other events but we can't look too far

ahead at the moment. Eco Committee, Reading Committee and Pupil Council will begin next week with various goals already in mind. Recognizing pupils through achievement wall slips from parents, tickled Pink for writing and weekly certificates at assembly. Overall school improvement plan:

- Is developing skills in Literacy and Numeracy interventions across teaching and LA staff
- Focus on writing development using the Stephen Graham process
- Play/pupil voice and engagement development
- Further developing monitoring and tracking in the nursery

Learning Journals/Teams back up and running and reading books going home again. Settling in emails sent out and Targets being sent out in 2 weeks (in paper form). Roald Dahl Day was a success! We raised £152 and the Reading Committee will help decide what to spend those funds on. Everyone is settling in well and getting into routines etc

8. **Correspondence** – West Sound email – too much to do as we can't raise the money in time. Thanks to GL for BBQ, GL told us that Bobby McMillan donated for free, letter to him from kids to thank him. MB – mentioned Tesco Community Grants, can nominate an organisation.

Next Meeting: Thursday 11th November

Meeting closed at 8.11pm