

Fenwick Primary & ECC Parent Council AGM and Meeting

19 October 2022

ATTENDING

Donna Vivers	Chair
Carol Brown	Treasurer
Robyn Davidson	Head Teacher
Rhona McKillop	Deputy Head Teacher
Rebecca Batchelor	
Patricia McMillan	
Jennifer Chalmers	
Antonia Perceval	
Jenny O'Neil	
Lorna Muir	
William Wilson	

Item	Subject	Discussion	Action
	Business	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Welcome to everyone attending the AGM. Along with the Parent Council Members we have Jenny O'Neill and William Wilson attending</p> <p>Apologies from Claire Hynds and Chris Duncan</p> <p>Donna approved minutes from last year, Rebecca second.</p> <p>Report from the Year from the Chair</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>2020-21 has been far from business as usual again for the Parent Council (PC) and Fenwick Primary & ECC. With the number of constraints that have been in place over the year regarding singing and PE and all the activities we would normally be delivering, the PC are encouraged by the commitment of the school and the teachers to continuously improve the learning environment for all children in challenging times.</p> <p>Later, the Head Teacher's year end update will provide a snapshot of some of the great work carried out over the last year within the school.</p> <p>The Head Teacher also recently shared the schools Strategic Implementation Plan of which the PC and</p>	

parents fed into. We are pleased with the plans for the year ahead and as a parent council will strive to support the school in realising these objectives.

Looking back at last year's objectives and how we supported where we could, remembering the challenges we have and still are facing.....

PC Objectives for the Year 2020/21 & Outcomes

Objective 1

Contribute to the school's resources and environment including maintenance of the school garden

- Garden Area
 - Parent Council continue to support the maintenance of the school garden and planters and volunteers use the summer to tidy up
 - Supported the school in sourcing weed membrane and bark via donations to make the garden as accessible as possible in all weather

Objective 2

Represent the parent forum and ensure strong and interactive engagement/communication between the parent forum and the school

- 'How to guide' was created and shared on the PC Facebook page to help parents access the school app
- All PC members have separate social media groups with their class parents to share updates and communicate any issues with the PC
- We have used the Facebook page to connect more than ever with restrictions this year
- The PC have also been very vocal in the development of the new ECC space. We will continue to feed into this development.

Objective 3

Work closely with the School and Local Authority (where appropriate) to enhance its implementation of the School Improvement Plan

- The Chair of the PC attends the Local Authority Parent Steering Group and fed back any updates

from Head of Education during the year. This focussed mainly on covid restrictions and guidance

General Fundraising

Even though we were unable to fundraise in the usual manner the PC were hugely successful in raising funds to support the school this year.

We were able to buy Christmas selection boxes for all pupils and arranged for a virtual Santa visit which was beamed into classes up to P3/4 during their parties.

We created hampers for our Christmas raffle, mainly through donations from local businesses and raised funds through the raffle.

The PC were also able to fund the P7 yearbook at the end of the year and purchased school ties and gym bags for all new P1 pupils and of course fed into the amazing end of year fun day! We brought the very well received 'Captain Cone' to the school and paid for ice cream for all and the wonderful McDougalls show which took place in the playground.

Thanks to all the hard work of those involved in the fundraising this year. Let's hope we can get back to business as usual some time soon.

Thank You

The Chair would like to thank all the PC members for their active participation over the past year and ongoing commitment to Fenwick Primary School & ECC

The Chair would also like to thank all the teachers and Mrs Davidson for the hard work over the past year and continued commitment to ongoing improvement and the safety of children and staff.

We look forward to a successful year ahead.

PC Elections/Resignations for 2020/2021

Donna Vivers – re-elected to Chair

Carol Brown – re-elected to Treasurer

No resignations

Lorna Muir has joined as representative for the ECC

Treasurer's Update

Balance at March 2020 - £3144.62

Balance at March 2021 - £914.08

£2500 donation to school for Bug Club

Insurance - £122

Paid for P7 year books

In bank - £393

	<p>A Look at the Year Ahead</p>	<p>Upcoming outgoings – Christmas spend (selection boxes etc)</p> <p>We currently have an outstanding £100 deposit for an event that was cancelled last year so need to rearrange something for next year</p> <p>Head Teacher Plans Review of Last Year</p> <p>The school has had to manage every changing covid restrictions, pupil and staff isolation, change in staff, and a second school closure.</p> <p>The school has managed to ensure that the children have felt safe and are still part of the community</p> <p>Adapting and improving on home learning – feedback was that parents felt it was much better during the winter lockdown.</p> <p>Contingency plans are on the website and are constantly reviewed</p> <p>The school received our Digital Schools Award</p> <p>There was a huge focus on Health & Wellbeing, Mrs Ross has been leading this and is also leading the authority in the work that has been done within Fenwick Primary</p> <p>Rights Respecting School – nearly ready to go for the gold award</p> <p>Summer fun at the end of the year really lifted morale and finish the school year off nicely</p> <p>SIP – Attainment and Achievement Looking at improving: Literacy & Numeracy Developing skills for learning, life and work Health & Wellbeing Reducing Inequalities for Children</p> <p>Currently working with the LOST Team who are an outdoor learning specialist team, involving a lot of staff training.</p> <p>Resources are needed for STEM work. Now that we are coming into the winter months, the children need to have appropriate outdoor clothing,</p>	
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The school have asked for pupils to bring in wellies but would like to have waterproofs for the older children as they do for the children in the ECC

Donna had suggested holding a welly donation for parents to hand in old wellies – Mrs Davidson is now organising this.

Parental Engagement

In previous years the school has welcomed parents in for events but now looking at holding some outdoor events for parents to attend.

The head of education for EAC has confirmed that no parents are still not allowed in schools.

The school will look at using VScene to share with parents and continue to post on the class blogs

Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile

An on-line survey for children that explores a sense of well being in the learning environment.

Currently being piloted in East Ayrshire – produced large amounts of data which Mrs Davidson and Mrs Ross are currently reviewing

Supporting Mental Health

P7 & P6 are being trained in supporting other children within the schools

Massage in schools will be starting again

Samurai

P7 & P6 girls have been working on Period Poverty and producing resources for girls in schools and also for girls to take home

Digital School

Looking at coding – staff will be trained and start engaging with the children

Careers Information

Will look at doing a careers day for the children later in the year and would ask parents to support this

Committee & Masterclasses

Rights Respecting School and Eco group have started up again.

Parent Council Involvement

Christmas Fayre – to be discussed

Sports Equipment – Received donations from parents

		<p>Outdoor Learning and clothing – to be actioned</p> <p>Calendar of Events Look at school and parent council co-ordinating a calendar of events to ensure that we are not doing the same thing.</p> <p>School to provide plan of their fundraising events</p> <p>Cycle Proficiency Staff will be receiving training for this in November and then children will be taking part</p> <p>School Trips Mrs Davidson was asked if there were any plans for any school trip? Panto has been provisionally booked but Mrs Davidson is doubtful that it will be able to happen. There will be no residential trips at this moment. Mrs Davidson is hopeful to do some very local trips that tie in with the curriculum.</p> <p>Peace Childcare Offering Donna has been in touch with PEACE regarding a wrap around service for the school. A school survey went out and 21 families replied. A second, more comprehensive survey then went out with more details and 16 families replied.</p> <p>PEACE sent a presentation to Donna which was presented to the PC and school outlining the services offered and the experience that they have in this area.</p> <p>This service is only available to school children not the ECC</p> <p>Donna will be speaking to the manager to see how to progress this forward.</p> <p>AOB None</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting 7 December 2021</p>	
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