**Gargieston Primary School and Early Childhood Centre**

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 15th November 2022**

**7pm-8.30pm**

**Present:** Dovile Connor, Katie Ryan, Lesley Campbell, Julie McKee (via phone call), Shona Lawson, Cllr Adams, Cherith Long, Judith Wilson, Joanne Rae, Roddy Gourlay, Louise Hunter.

**Apologies:** Suzanne Wilson, Nikki Cowan, Fozia Rana, Jenny McPartland, Susan Wilson, Kirsty Dow, Sidra Ahmad

**Introduction**

Dovile introduced herself as Joint Chair and invited attendees to give a brief hello with their name and their children who attend the school.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes from Parent Council meeting dated Monday 26th September are said to be an accurate representation of events.

Proposed by Katie Ryan, seconded by Dovile Connor. Minutes adopted.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES REVIEW**

Storage of items in changing rooms – all complete. Thank you to all those who helped.

Parking & Safety – update covered by HT report along with Cllr Adams Update

**AGENDA**

**CLLR ADAMS**

There have been some issues raised over parking and speeding from residents and

parents. I have been in touch with Police Scotland and the Ayrshire Roads Alliance to identify

what could be done. Mrs Lawson has invited me down for a visit on a wet day as this is when the

issue is at its worst.

I have contacted the Director of Education about the loss of teachers who were applying for jobs

at neighbouring local authorities. I was provided with an explanation relating to an ADES

agreement and supernumerary teachers. I will follow up as I do feel that it is critical that we

recruit the best teachers for our schools and our children.

The council has approved spending of £3.125m to support local communities during the crisis,

with a focus on six priority themes: Food; Energy; Money; Community; Wellbeing and Business.

The council will be launching lunch clubs throughout East Ayrshire, providing affordable ready

meals, free tea and coffee and food deliveries.

Council also agreed to some changes in the way school meal debt is managed. Anyone who is in

arrears will be referred to the Financial Inclusion Team for support.

I was delighted to attend the Anne of Killie at Take a Bow on the 4 th of November, the children,

teachers and teaching assistants did a fantastic job and should be very proud of the show and

their collective efforts.

A huge congratulations to the school swimmers who did themselves proud at the recent Ayrshire

Schools Swimming Gala in Ayr. With Megan, Ellie, Anna and Ewan all returning to

Kilmarnock with medals.

I was also delighted to attend the East Ayrshire Schools Sports Hall Athletics today where

Gargieston finished second out of all the schools in East Ayrshire. There were some fantastic

performances from the team who should be very pleased with their collective performances. The

conduct and the behaviour of the children was exemplary.

Many thanks again to the teachers, classroom assistants and volunteers who support these

events. Without their efforts these events simply would not take place.

As previously discussed, please feel free to forward my details around the school group and

follow up with me if required.

**HEADTEACHER’S REPORT**

**Parking**

Mrs McKee contacted the Locality Policing Sgt on 13th October after the last meeting and he has said that officers would try and attend when they were free. This week they are dayshift so Mrs McKee will ask again if someone can attend after school. Unfortunately, due to their shifts they were unavailable to attend our meeting tonight.

Mrs McKee has also contacted Ayrshire Roads Alliance and spoke with the manager who deals with Parking Attendants. He has advised that there is a keep clear traffic restriction in force at the rear of the school on Woodside Avenue. He is requesting that Parking attendants do a patrol of this area. Policing Sgt noticed that from some of the attached images VRMs are visible and will check the database in an effort to identify the owners to see if a letter to these parents to highlight the danger and obstruction that they are causing.

**School & Staffing**

Our current school roll is 423 after a new family joined us this term.

Our new DHT, Mrs Wharton, will join the staff on Monday 28th November with interviews for a temporary CA until June 2023 taking place on Thursday. A PT vacancy (Mrs McGahon’s post) will go live this week and will close on Friday. Internal to East Ayrshire Employees. Miss Law’s baby arrived over 5 weeks early – both well and Mrs Johnstone in the ECC has a new post in North Ayrshire and will leave at the end of the month

**Finance**

Information on School Fund Income

Sept 22 £75.94 – Easy fundraising Cheque

 £50.00 – Donation for Table Tennis Table

 £100.00 – Donation from Burns Federation

Oct 22 £52.45 – Monies raised from Lost Property

 £426.00 – Monies raised Halloween Disco – P1-3

 £562.50 – Monies raised Halloween Disco – P4-7

Expenditure

£1581.50 – Reading Resources – Purchased from Sponsored Reading Event

£30.00 – Entry to EA Football Competition

£185.00 – Hopscotch Theatre Group Performance

£515.70 – Reading Resources – Purchased from Sponsored Reading Event

£136.68 – Primary Dictionaries (still to come off fund)

£335.33 – Christmas Crafts Purchased (still to come off fund)

£818.50 – Lock in Charge Unit – Laptops (still to come off fund)

Balance at 15/11/2022 - £6577.36

**Education Reform Agenda**

* Opportunities available for parents and carers to share their views. Discussions have taken place with Scottish Government at conference in Glasgow recently. We also intend to undertake some work with our pupils on this subject

**Feedback on Pupil Progress Meetings**

* Shared with members via PowerPoint

**Feedback on Homework Consultation**

* Shared with members via PowerPoint. A new policy will be drafted and shared with parents with new procedures in place from January 2023

**AOB**

Christmas Fayre Thursday 8th December along with Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas cards & gifts will be due to arrive soon

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting to be confirmed but we are looking of options to alternate virtual with school meetings

To contact the parent council please email:

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