Parent Council Meeting **Minutes**

Wednesday 13th September 2023

7pm Nether Robertland Primary School

The meeting was opened by Chairpersons Loree Thomson and Cathy Burslem-Hill, who confirmed new posts elected at AGM

Apologies from Cllrs Stephen Canning and John McFadzean, Ashley Newton, Lorna Templeton, Louisa Oram, Helen Ward

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: not required**

**Matters arising from previous meeting**

* Old Nursery Building –No further plans, will be left empty until demolition to provide car parking
* Connect.scot – useful learning resources for family engagement
1. **Parent Council priorities going forward**
2. Engagement with parents: newsletter (possibly increased to 3x year, not to coincide with School Newsletter), **Nether Robertland Parent page on Facebook**, link for this to go in app, class WhatsApp groups (parent led), playground, blog (please find all Minutes for previous meetings here), text numbers for School and PC
3. Increasing fundraising: teachers to submit bids for spending
4. Any other **suggestions welcome** for PC tasks
5. **Parent Council Fundraising 2023 to date**
6. Stewarton Initiatives £500 for PE equipment (with Active Schools Coordinator Gordon Allan)
7. £4000 from Vibrant Communities available for spending. JBev ideas from staff/children:
* Safety Campaign for JRSO: Sponsorship to be garnered to purchase Road Safety Police Signs (cut outs on cones) for school route (JButler to communicate with local businesses)
* Outdoor equipment for sandpit (trolley, crates, sticks etc) and/or Peaceful Garden
* Astro or improvements to football pitch (lines painted, levelled surface, drain removal)
* Improvements to school grounds: pothole removal and new bins
* Online subscriptions and reading books
1. An idea was put forth for an Amazon Wishlist to be set up for the school
2. **Creation of a fundraising subgroup of Parent Council**
3. Aligning PA/PC for ideas and support, subgroup to lead organisation of events – Kyla Richardson to lead, Evelyn Black assisting
4. Grant application role
5. Halloween Disco and Christmas events: gift shopping event (more ideas welcome)
6. Other ideas: Psychic/Race/Ladies/Comedy Night, Cinema (parents and/or children) Night, hire of outside hall e.g. St Columbus Church Hall or Area Centre
7. **School Engagement/Communication**

Check blog as main information source, Twitter/X celebrating success, static information on app

1. **Head Teacher’s Remarks**
2. Children settling well, lots of effort put into Values, Wider Achievement Assemblies

ii. Meet the teacher in 2nd week, P1 information workshop scheduled for 28th Sept 5pm

iii. Classroom assistant hours, Parents Evenings (Nov and May) and Reports (Mar) also discussed

1. Emphasis on limiting cost to parents for school trips and activities
2. Feedback required for P5 Swimming Lessons last session
3. **AOB**
4. Dog mess an issue on the grass – notice put on app

ii. Ellen Friel – letter received RE litter, JBev to emphasise Climate Champions litter message in newsletter

iii. **Requests for parent volunteers** to help with skills for after school activities – Dan Buksh to lead

Digital Art Skills Demonstrations (others may include badminton, sewing, craft, sports, IT etc)

**Next meeting Tuesday 24th October at NRPS, 7pm – all welcome to attend**