

Parent Council Meeting **Minutes**

Tuesday 17th September 2024

7pm Nether Robertland Primary School

Attending: Mrs Jackie Beveridge, Mr Murray Gilroy, Lisa Davidson, Jennifer Butler, Robyn Wilson, Kyla Richardson, Agnieszka Anaszko, Helen Ward, Laura Haddow, Danny Buksh, Colin Murdoch, Cllr Ellen Friel

Apologies: Gillian Linton, Lorna Templeton, Ainsley Clark, Karen Roberston, Heather Lygate, Martin Struthers-Smith, Elaine Coulter, Ashley Newton, Stacey Todd, Lauren Hussein, Evelyn Black, Samantha Thompson

1. Welcome from Lisa and Introductions from attendees

2. Matters Arising

LD: ASN letter has had no formal response from EAC as yet, it has been followed up by Lisa

Minutes from meeting of 11th June 2024: LD proposed, JBut seconded

3. Head Teacher Update

- School Improvement plan well received by Authority, no great changes, more embedding of work achieved
- Welcomed the Chair LD – plan for JBev and LD to meet the week before each meeting and discuss Agenda – notification to parents from LD before this to aid communication
- Consultation for Homework to start soon
- School Improvement Plan:
 - Review Health and Wellbeing Curriculum, mainly PE - table tennis and karate clubs due to start, plus clubs running by Stew Acad S5-6 pupils
 - Planning includes composite classes until role increases again to allow 2 streams at each stage
 - Attainment for last year good and has increased generally across the board
- Next update - new photographer is David Gilbert this year (decisions to be made as to who is in the photo)
- Fundraising: pyjama parade organised by MG, plus sports, music, class activity (full day of fun), Fri 11th October, any need for parent support on the day will be communicated later
- Macmillan coffee morning (also organised by Mr Gilroy)
- Christmas cards - children to do designs before October Holidays, KR and JBut to go over designs
- Focus on attendance around latecomers (after 9.10am - 5% since 17th Aug), stats now changing to 9.05am
- Minimising kitchen admin in am to maximise learning time
- Staffing: new DHT (Mr Gilroy), Mrs Demirkiran has left (family time), temp classroom asst covering, Mrs Whiteford mat leave after Oct holiday but covering Parents Night on Thu 10th October pm
- 0.6 core staffing to be filled as Mr Mason is taking time for parenting, Heather Carter covering at present
- Laurie (Literacy Lead) is researching reading resources - Rocket Phonics in the running
- JRSO first campaign promoting safe walking routes (not through car park)
- AA asks: parent/teacher contact increase? JBev responded Working Time Agreement formally 3x yearly (2 Parent Evening and a report card), further information required by parents to be requested through email (to the school office) or phone call, depending on the nature of the enquiry it may be dealt with by management

4. Fundraising:

- a. Targets (around £12000 all in), will include raffles (inc external local businesses), Macmillan coffee, Halloween disco (parent sign ups through FB and Whatsapp), concerns noted over number of fundraising needs before Christmas from parents, keeping Red Nose/Children In Need low key this year, review disco ticket price
- b. Upcoming events: disco: Mr Howie to be invited by LD, LH to check provision for first aid; Psychic Night 1st Nov updates required (ST: Area Centre and Mediums booked); Christmas cards and raffle (Lorna helping with online links), Christmas Shopping Event
- c. EB to update on fundraising calendar
- d. Amazon wishlist per class, Parent Council must manage as school cannot ask, lets parents buy specific items, can be sent as a sponsorship request to local businesses, passive fundraising **so easy** through Asda Cashpot and Easy Fundraising, possibility of having a stall/noticeboard/physical target and progress outside the school to outline events and fundraising targets (plus digitally) - actioned physically in school by JBev, could be displayed in the gym hall

AOB

Councillor update: EAC has made a bid for Innovation Fund to be used for reading support - email update to JBev

Education £6 million over last year, budgets even tighter this year

Meeting Closed 8.35pm