**Onthank Parent Council Minutes**

**Monday 7th February 2022**

**7 pm Via Microsoft Teams**

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| **Attendees** | | **Apologies** |
| Hayley Boyd  Lora Barclay  Leoni & Stuart Graham  Elaine Paton  Claire Haggerty  Lindsay Cairns  Karen Paterson Kimberley  Susan Muir | Tina Clugston  Caroline Caldwell  Alison Wright  Glynis Findlay  David McIlwraith  Irene Irving  Mary Adam  Karen Cook  Steven McNichol | Jackie Phillips  Nicola Johnson |
| **Chair Update** | | |
| * Previous minutes proposed by Elaine Paton & Tina Clugston | | |
| **Review of actions from previous meeting** | | |
| * **Action:** Karen to get in touch with account holders to support Nicola.   **Update:** Further Info on Treasurer update.   * **Action:** Mr McNichol to speak to other year groups about weekly updates.   **Update:** To be discussed after the February holiday.   * **Action:** Home learning party to be put together.   **Update:** No further update. | | |
| **Treasurer Update** | | |
| * The name transfer form has been signed by Nicola and Hayley. **Action**: Lora will sign and return the form this week   Nicola will then take it to the bank. | | |
| **Subgroup Update** | | |
| **Fundraising**   * **Christmas Quiz**   **Update:** We raised £299.50 from the Christmas Quiz, well done everyone!  **Comms & Parental Engagement**  As raised in previous meetings, parents are finding all the different streams of comms confusing and not consistent. P1 & 2 use learning journals, P3-7 use teams.  Tina mentioned a few P1 parents/carers don’t seem to be getting any info on school events i.e., dress down days, Lindsay said there is a responsibility within themselves to find the info, Susan confirmed the info is on a variety of school comms and PC comms as well as being pushed in classes.  Elaine asked if school could create a distribution list to text the parents/carers who don’t use email, Susan said the texts cost money and messages are restricted due to limited characters.  **Action:** Lindsay to push on FB reminder to check teams for info. Fb message to ask everyone to ensure the correct channels are switched on for the app as well as a push to use the app.  Alison to arrange a workshop on the learning journals  School and PC to push the importance of keeping contact details up to date.  **Learning & Teaching**   * Susan mentioned if parents/carers are struggling with technology or don’t have any, they can reach out there is still devices in school to be given to those who need them and they could message her privately. Offline packs can also be arranged if required. | | |
| **HT Update** | | |
| * Alison said how overwhelmed she was recently on her birthday and firstly wanted to say thank you. * HT’s are being asked to cover other schools where their leadership teams are absent, Onthank SLT are supporting Darvel * Covid Update: Bubbles can be removed, Schools have still to avoid large gatherings and to continue restricting visits in person where possible. Cases are still quite high. | | |
| **AOB** | | |
| * **Car Park Update:** Hayley/Lora will get back in touch to see about the painting of the car park. Tommy is in touch with property management.   **Action:** Hayley/Lora to push again. JRSO and H&S team to get involved and organise posters being made. Mrs Merrick to pilot a walking bus.  David asked if we would consider looking at some kind of signage for the car park.  **Action:** We will discuss as a committee and update at next meeting.   * **Homework:** Some P6 mums are concerned about homework not being consistent across stages, i.e., some get jotters and some on teams. Alison said Teams is the way forward. * **Face to Face Meetings:** They are permitted to go ahead, but if virtual meetings are working well, then they were to continue that way. Alison suggested a blended approach for subgroups. * **Action:** To discuss as a committee and take it from there. * **Flooding on back path:** This is an ongoing issue, Susan asked if we as parents could contact someone and who would this be. Tommy is aware and trying as well. Leona asked if in the event of flooding could they backtrack out of the same gate, to which Glynis agreed.   **Action:** Alison to raise this with Linda M-G.   * **Bad Weather Concerns:** There is concern about parents/children standing out in the rain, Glynis assured this would be resolved and also advised not to turn up too early as there is staggered times for a reason. * **P7 Leavers:** Mr McNichol assured they want to make it as special as they are able to, they will be choosing the menu as they usually do. Last years silent disco was popular and enjoyed by all. Awaiting guidance from LMG as to the residential. * **Lunches:** It was asked if staggered lunches would continue, Alison confirmed yes as it is a much more pleasant experience for all children. School were passed a compliment from P4 parents/carers stating the lunches are much better with more choice. | | |