Whatriggs Primary Parent Council

Minutes from meeting 22nd November 2023

Present: Alison Hewitson, Gemma Cooper, Toni Wales, Ainsley Richmond, Clare Purewal Mrs MacKinnon and Ms Gorman

Apologies: Angela Baillie and Louise Reid

1. Halloween disco - Disco overall was a success with good profit and turnout. Was noted a few kids stealing and some behavioural issues.
2. Treasurers report £1495.85 income from disco with £712.49 profit, copy handed to Mrs MacKinnon
3. Panto chaperones: all parent council members happy to attend and help.
4. Proposals for future Events from the parent council.
* Christmas disco with possibly a sensory bus for those who don’t like discos.
* Community Event with various activities
* Bingo night
* Psychic night
1. School disco - can the school hall be used? Parents had approached parent council and asked if school could be used for discos as they felt it would be more trusted and reliable. Mrs MacKinnon is happy for the school to be used however we need to contact EAC. Mrs MacKinnon will find a contact and get back to us.
2. Looking into possibility of setting up a PTA account to allow parents to pay in advance. We discussed an option for tuck shop however majority decision felt tuck money is better left in cash as its hard to keep track electronically and it gives kids a little independence and understanding of money management.
3. Leavers hoodie parent council to pay half. Not allowed to wear them to transition days and various other events but Dianne more than happy for them to be given put early as long as guidelines are adhered to.
4. App up date on apple. Alison went to training day. Mrs MacKinnon expressed thanks. On the back of this could we have a drop in session for a tutorial on how to use the app.
5. Update on council positions: Co vice chair- Ainsley Richmond proposed: Gemma Cooper, second: Alison Hewitson
6. Mrs MacKinnon up date of school news

Working parties. Focus was on finance week with money scoring low on kids understanding as cash isn’t used as freely anymore the working parties focused on games based activities to build understanding and cement knowledge by playing games such as shops for p1-3 and various board games for Upper school.

It group focusing on how lids use it to help them with class and homework. Parents had flagged an issue with responding to homework tasks using the teams channel. Mrs MacKinnon said she would look into it but thinks its because the only open tasks can be responded to and if just in general area resources aren’t allowed.

Focus on health and wellbeing and relationships. Big talk homework.

Mrs MacKinnon discussed PEF and what they have been doing what they gave as work-ins.

Big push on attendance. Monitoring attendance with a target to kids with poor attendance such as breakfast club. Small group to start with as would need to think of a way to fundraise to open up and provide to greater numbers as budget means there is a struggle to meet needs in other areas.

1. Mrs MacKinnon expressed thanks to council as a whole for being an active bunch

Meeting concluded 19 35

Next Meeting 31st January