

Uplawmoor Parent Teacher Council Meeting

Minutes – Monday 3 December 2018

In attendance:

Fiona McKay
Jenny Meighan
David Carslaw
Mary Ann Gorman
Michelle McKenzie
Jill Skelton
Lorna Street
Claire McKellar

Apologies:

Vicki Creanor
Emma Green
John Fergusson

MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. **Previous Minutes** - no comments

2. **Head Teacher's Report**

Staffing Update - Miss Douglas, the new P1/2 teacher started at the beginning of December and Mrs Martin is providing cover for Mrs Rasul while she is on maternity leave. JS asked if it would be possible to have a meet the teacher event for the P1/2 - FM said she would look into this.

Transitions review – FM noted there had been very good feedback from the Clusters Feedback review, the reviewers were impressed with the children and teachers.

Burns Competition - as discussed at the last meeting, the format of the Burns competition was being considered. Following discussions with pupils, it has been decided that the competition will focus on telling the story of Burns with poems and stories in small groups. DC mentioned that he had managed to get in touch with Ken Paterson and DC and FM to arrange a meeting.

3. **AOB**

A suggestion had been made about using the new gate at the MUGA as an alternative access point to the school. The pavement on Tannoch Road is very narrow and it was felt that accessing the school from the park might be safer for pupils. FM explained that from a staffing point of view, it was only possible to man one gate. In addition from a Health and Safety point of view, only one pathway into the school would be cleared in bad weather. Therefore it was not possible to use the park entrance as an alternative entrance. DC suggested the possibility of asking the Council to widen the pavement or implement other measures to make Tannoch Road safer. FM to speak to Ruth Adams to obtain contact details for the Council.

A query had been raised about whether nativity practice was always at PE times. FM confirmed that nativity practice time was varied so not always during PE. It was also confirmed that outdoor PE can take place on any scheduled PE day if the weather was nice. FM confirmed that PE kits could be left in school, and advised that a letter would be sent home to confirm this.

Playground - FM advised that a date was to be confirmed for an external contractor to review the water logging in the playground. It was noted that there was an undertaking from

Mactaggart & Mickel regarding the drainage in the playground. FM confirmed the school did not have any record of this. DC suggested it may have been with Uplawmoor Community Council. CM noting that if there was any paperwork regarding the undertaking she would be happy to review it and write to M&M if appropriate. DC to check for paperwork and revert to CM.

Fundraising- it was noted that the fund raising committee (Alli, Jenny and Lynn) would be stepping down at the end of the academic year.

Reading Hut - FM noted that they are looking for assistance to lay slabs and build the reading hut. It was suggested that we could ask for volunteers on the Uplawmoor Facebook page.

Next meeting - will be held at 5.30 on 4 March 2019.