

## **Cross Arthurlie Parent Council Minutes September 2020**

**Present:** Julie Cameron (JC), Lorna Thomson (LT), Julie Elliot (JE), Cheryl Cumming (CC), Elizabeth Thompson (ET), Lora Johnstone (LJ), Elaine Aitchison (EA), Marion Cummingham (MC), Caroline Foy (CF), Debbie Thomson (DT), Fiona McDonald (FM), Gillian Rice)

**Apologies:** Kirsty Smith, Colette Byars

1. LT welcomed the Parent Council to the meeting including welcoming new members. Members went round the table to introduce themselves and connections to the school for the benefit of new members.

2. **Correspondence:** Julie Cameron, Colette Byars and Elaine Aitchison will attend the interview training workshop via zoom on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. JC also applied for funding from the Co-Op community fund again. Will not hear the outcome till later in the year

3. **Treasurer's Report:** AC is now left as Treasurer due to child going to high school. The position is currently vacant. Due to Covid there has been no fundraising since March 2019. Currently there is £1100 in the account, however the books have still to be audited for this year. The school were also given £1500 out of the funds for extra items that required to be purchased as part of the blended learner.

5. **Fundraising Report:** As mentioned before there has been no fundraising since the Lockdown in March. However, some thought will be given to virtual fundraising.

6. **Head Teachers Report:** Mrs. McDonald discussed the new look of the school day regarding staggered start and finishes as well as break times and lunch times. She also commented on how well the children are coping with this. There are strategies put in place if any of the children are feeling anxious about the current situation.

Homework was also discussed, and plans are ongoing to change the way homework happens.

The staffing of the school was also discussed and how the school is fully staffed at present.

If for any reason children are sent home sure to Covid work will be put on google classroom or home learning to continue.

The school budget is healthy at the time being but may be needed to pay for supply teachers, if required due to Covid.

The nursery is progressing nicely but no hand over date yet. The children who should be attending the nursery are currently split between Carlibar, Madras and Arthurlie Family Centre.

**AOCB:** It was discussed about the weather and the children being outside. Children are allowed to have a change of clothing in their bags as due to the new look school day there will be more time spent outside.

The school are also looking into the purchase of the Dictionaries for the P7 pupils from the last school year and planning how to distribute them.

The AGM will take place in November and at the time the office bearers will be nominated. At present the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer as well as fundraising members are required. An invitation will go to all the parent forum to nominate themselves for a position.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October (via zoom)**