

## **Cross Arthurlie Parent Council Minutes Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

**Present:** Elaine Aitchison (Chair), Susan Hoppe (Vice Chair), Jillian McGrain (Fundraising), Colette Byars (Fundraising), Elizabeth Thompson (Treasurer) Fiona MacDonald (HT), Gillian Rice (DHT), Julie Cameron, Caroline Foy, Lora Johnstone, Helen Easdon, Cheryl Cumming, Leigh MacPhee (possible new member), Linda Murray (P7 Leavers Parent)

### **Apologies:**

#### Previous minutes:

No issues - agreed and seconded by Elizabeth Thomson and Colette Byars.

#### Chair's Report and Correspondence

Welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2021 and particularly new parents to the meeting.

Not much to feedback on for this meeting – Elaine / Susan to attend the Parents Council Chairs forum planned for tomorrow.

Elaine spoke about training opportunities with Connect and offered this out to anyone interested and attending tonight's meeting – no initial interest raised. Some members of the PC have / will be attending courses and found these to be of interest.

Fiona queried a shortfall of trained persons in recruitment and selection and 4 PC members (Elaine, Colette, Lorna and Julie) have attended the training + one other. Elaine to canvas who has and if up-to-date.

No correspondence has been received.

#### Treasurer's Report

As a result of fundraising activity at Christmas and a P4 Christmas party donation the current balance is: £1,345.26. No statements available at present.

Elizabeth reported that she still does not have full access but hopes the administration around this will complete this week.

#### Fundraiser's Report

Jillian provided an overview of the recent Connect training around fundraising. It is widely anticipated that fundraising activity will need to be online for the foreseeable future due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Suggestions from other schools were shared including non-fundraising activity to help provide parents with additional support.

Elaine asked for feedback on whether we should be fundraising given our accounts are small (during the restrictions) and the general feeling was yes to proceed. Fundraisers will meet; discuss some ideas and produce a diary of events for the next meeting (including P7 leaver contributions).

#### Head Teacher's Report

Please see attached.

Update on staffing provided.

Discussion on parent survey feedback of home learning.

Update on nursery – awaiting care commission inspection before they can formally open.

Concerns raised for those children who may have less opportunity to experience this as moving up to P1 in August.

Concerns also shared about allocated hours being set and extra being shared amongst new nursery allocations – advice provided to contact admissions within Education dept.

### AOCB

P7 Leavers – discussion took place on what could be done for this year's P7 leavers given that restrictions are unlikely to allow a school trip or prom.

Request made to PC for funding towards P7 leaver gifts in absence of above.

Approx 40 pupils and suggestions made included: hoodies; book (The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, and The Horse); class photo; class year book; donation to fund food for possible garden gathering should restrictions allow.

Approx costs for hoodies: £600 and book (at current Amazon price of £9): £360 = £960.

Caroline volunteered to speak to P2 parent re: discount at Waterstones.

Both book and hoodies have been requested to be funded and bought early to make best use of offers and wear before end of year.

It was agreed that the PC would discuss and set a budget (possibly 50%) for this and assist in fundraising. P7s will also look to fundraise some monies themselves.

Gillian agreed that the yearbook and photo should be able to be organised by school and mentioned that last year a group of teacher and PC members made doorstep deliveries of balloons and chocolates to P7 pupils and this was received well.

Members offered to contact Audrey's and Emma Cuthbert for prices and samples for hoodies.

Support to Parents during home schooling – we ran out of time to discuss this in detail but special mention made of the support being made and received through the PC facebook page was encouraging. Encouraged to keep this up!

Next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 7pm (via Zoom)