

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

24th March 2021

Present at Meeting :-

Tracey Campbell	Sarah Clark
Phemia McCarthy	Ursula Scrimgeour
Lyndsey Gall	Shauna Melvin
Susan MacLellan	Susan Goodlad
Marie Jean Watkins	Christine Sim
Jenny Rose	
Nicola Kelly	
Eileen Murray	
Jolanta Hudson	
Charlotte Adeghe	

Tracey welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid tribute to Joanne McAlpine who passed away recently. She will be sorely missed. There will be a memorial to Joanne within the school. Sarah feels that there should be something cheerful in memory of Joanne as she was such a cheery person. Nothing too sad. Nicola commented that perhaps an award in Joanne's name may be more fitting. Sarah will consult with Joanne's husband, Ken regarding this and feedback to the Parent Council.

Tracey explained the role of the Parent Council for those attending who didn't know. Phemia and Marie Jean set up a fundraising group with acting Principal Teacher, Kirsteen MacKay. This has been very successful and has raised a great amount of money for the school.

Tracey commented that Whatsapp groups have been set up for classes which is working well. Received some great comments – "lifeline", "fantastic support", "helps to be connected. There are three classes who haven't responded but emails will be sent out to try and get them to participate. Still using facebook also.

With regard to class diaries, everyone at the meeting seemed very happy with the method their class teacher was using. Initially parents preferred using the diaries but due to current restrictions this wasn't possible. However, most parents have got used to emails etc. Marie Jean commented that she was very happy with how it's working. Very positive feedback re communication.

Ursula commented that a small percentage of parents are perhaps uncomfortable with using technology so we need to keep this in mind and include them some other way.

Sarah advised that the classification is at the final stages and transitions between classes will begin but under current restrictions. Trying not to make too many changes but 8 P1's coming in and 6 at different stages.

Tracey spoke about transitions after school. This is not positive for young people at the moment. Ursula commented that social enterprises were just beginning to start but had to stop due to covid restrictions but hopefully things will improve soon.

Shauna spoke about her remit and how Developing Young Workforce was encompassed in this. Looking into employers who can give our young people work experience but this will obviously need to be when things improve. Connections have been made though and Shauna will continue with this. Marie Jean asked if it would be worthwhile asking parents who have their own business to support this. Shauna will arrange a careers night and invite parents when restrictions ease.

Allotments – Jenny spoke about the allotments and the plans to tarmac them. The consultation has been postponed at the moment. Jenny said that as many individual objections to this proposal should hopefully help. Hopefully, those parents whose children attend Grow, Cook and Eat will lodge their objections. Jenny will feedback to parents with any updates. Sarah said from a school perspective, this would affect us participating in Grow, Cool and Eat and hoped that, worst case scenario, we would be given another location.

Fundraising – Phemia secured the funding for the Drivedeck the school has ordered and is working on the school's wish list. Phemia will meet with Lucy who is working on the grants side of fundraising which is a great help. Marie Jean suggested some sort of fundraiser annually. This will be discussed at a later date.