**Uplawmoor Parent Council Minutes**

**Date:** 7th September 2020

**Location:** Remotely via Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:**

*Parents:* Claire McKellar (chair), Emma Green, Jill Skelton, Toni Leggat, Mary Anne Gorman, Lorna Street, Robyn Sorley

*School staff:* Miss Dunn (HT), Mrs Harvey

**Apologies:** Allison McKenzie

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* **Future Meetings**

CM asked if we would want to change the meeting time. All agreed they are happy to keep the start time to 5pm but this can be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

* **Previous Minutes**

Approved by all.

* **Head Teachers Report**

Miss Dunn expressed thanks for the return to school and the work that staff have put in for an effective return.

Staffing – 2 members of staff per class. Extra funding for 0.6 member of staff for Covid recovery. This is currently in the recruiting phase and will be focused on outdoor learning and health and wellbeing. An additional 10 hours of pupil support will also be available for a Thursday and Friday.

Staff are working with children throughout the school and children are zoned by bubbles.

Parents will be advised if their child will receive additional support for settling into school or for supporting any gaps in learning that have been identified.

School Improvement Plan – this will be evaluated by the children this year to allow their views to be represented. Standards and Quality Report will be worked on after the September weekend.

Community Links – as the school cannot have visitors in the school, they are thinking of creative ways to work with others. Caldwell Church have already been in contact.

**Communication with parents**

* EG raised the issue that it is more difficult for parents to work and communicate with each other due to current social distancing rules. EG is the P1 representative and offered to have her number given out to the P1 parents to assist with communication. There is also a gap in the parent council for a P6 representative.
* CM will give some information out in the next newsletter requesting a P6 representative.

**Fundraising and Bank Account**

* Prior to the meeting AM confirmed that the current balance is £1,749.04. This will remain in the account. AM remains a signatory, along with Jenni Green and Lynn Condy who are not active members of the fundraising group.
* TL asked if funds were needed. She previously donated via the Gnome in the Home initiative however this may be hindered due to social distancing regulations. Miss Dunn advised that funds are not needed currently.
* Fundraising committee needs to be established. CM will add a request for volunteers to the newsletter. There was previously a discussion that we could ask non-parents for assistance. In the first instance, CM suggested we go to parents and then extend the invitation to wider family and community if we need additional bodies.

**AOB**

* MAG advised that parents had noticed that all children were standing in the bus shelters on wet mornings and asked if there was an alternative. Miss Dunn said that there are shelters in both playground zones and there are plans to create canopies to provide additional shelter within the trees.
* TL had a parent asking if Google Classroom had changed. The children are now in a new Google Classroom. Today they have been given new log ins. The background may be different, but the platform is the same and the way it is used is the same.
* JS asked if there will be a parents evening before Christmas. Miss Dunn advised that it is being reviewed by ERC. Uplawmoor will explore alternatives if it is not possible to have a traditional one.
* JS stated that some children are missing out on various parts of the playground. Could access be rotated by bubble? The school are aware of this however to minimise the risk they must remain as is.
* JS stated that a parent has mentioned that their child is getting cakes every day. Miss Dunn spoke to this parent today.
* JS stated a parent has said that their child came home very wet but was too scared to ask about getting changed. Miss Dunn asked that parents contact the school directly with any concerns such as these.
* EG said that the new S1s would be happy to help the current P7s with their transition due to the changes in the school environment.
* EG suggested that we make a video to introduce ourselves to the wider parent forum. EG would be happy to co-ordinate.

**Action**: all members to make a 20-30 second clip and send to EG. Deadline for videos 16th September.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 7th December (location TBC)**