

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

06/09/21

5PM – 6PM

CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Mary Ann Gorman	(Chair)
Mrs McKay	(Head Teacher)
Miss McGregor	(Teaching Rep)
Miss Malcolm	(Teaching Rep)
Michelle Melvin	(P1 Class Rep)
Neil Mowbray	(P2 Class Rep)
Toni Leggatt	(P3 Class Rep & Minutes)
Jill Skelton	(P4 Class Rep)
Jacqueline Chinchin	(P5 Class Rep)
Claire McKellar	(P6 Class Rep)
Isla Goldie	(P7 Class Rep)
Rob Williams	(Treasurer)

Previous minutes agreed by all.

- Head Teacher Report:

Covid Update, no real change at present. Bubbles and 2m distancing still in place

Playground has been changed back to “Small” and “Big” ends to avoid rough play

Lunch sittings still in place and may be continued as working well with school day

UNCRC – United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Scotland is to become the first country in the UK to incorporate this into domestic law and this will be an area of focus for the school

Nurture and family learning space which has partially been funded by the Pupil Equity Fund will hopefully be back open once restrictions are eased

Staffing changes – Miss Malcolm and Mr Cunningham have joined the staff team.

Uniform – PE Kit to be worn on PE days as children still can't get changed. School would like to encourage parents to stick to school

colours as much as possible and discourage the wearing of named brands.

Homework -

Mrs McKay is looking at pulling together a School Homework focus group to gather parents' views on homework, whether it is beneficial, and what form it should take. Recently there has been poor engagement with homework across the school.

- Parent Queries

P1: Query regarding the purpose/amount of P1 homework
- Miss O'Dowd will compile a Parent Homework Help guide

Can the school encourage my child to be more adventurous with the lunch menu?

- Mrs McKay taken this onboard, possible rewards.

Query concerning whether cheese is cheddar or cheese slices?

- Mrs McKay confirmed that it is cheddar cheese not plastic slices but there was a problem with the fridge recently.

Query concerning a move to red polo shirts instead of white polo shirts as part of the PE kit?

- Mrs McKay stated that this would need to be agreed by consultation with the whole school and instead encouraged parents to make use of the iron on badges available from the school which can be attached to cheaper red t-shirts. Happy for red t-shirts to be worn for PE if parents still have them.

P2: Can the deadline for homework completion be moved to Sunday night instead of Thursday?

- Mrs McKay explained that this would not allow homework to be marked. This will be covered in Miss O'Dowd's homework guidance.

P3: Query about why single use plastic pots and boxes are being used at lunches?

- The plastic pots are being used for water for any children that forget their water bottles and the boxes are used to transport the lunches as they are not prepared in the school. This is still to be continued due to Covid meantime.

Can more updates please be posted on Twitter?

- Not all permission forms had been returned from parents which restricted what could be posted. Now almost all returned.

P4: A parent wanted to convey that they were impressed with the way emotions were being discussed in class.

P5: Query concerning uniforms and the lack of communication on which days PE would be on

- A specific communication has been sent out to each school year concerning their individual PE days
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P6: Query concerning the number of PE sessions going from 3 to 2 per week

- Mrs McKay stated that each class will be doing 2.5 hours of PE per week, this may not necessarily be 3 single periods. Outdoor learning is also used for PE.

P7: No queries raised

- Primary 2 Class Rep

Confirmed as Neil Mowbray

- Webinars

Fundraising and Social Media webinars being attended by Toni Leggatt

UNCRC webinar being attended by Claire McKellar

- Bank Account

Rob Williams has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and is going to tie up with Allison McKenzie for a handover. He is also going to request for the bank account to change from a paper account to an online account as it would be easier to monitor and maintain.

- AOB

Due to funding falling through, Miss McGregor asked for the Parent Council to consider splitting the cost for an external company to come and conduct a full day workshop with the entire school as a part of the Maths Week event. Proposed date for the event is 29th September and the total cost is £625. Parent Council said that they would consult with the treasurer and get back to the school.

- Next Parent Council Meeting planned for 6th December at 5pm

NEXT STEP	WHO	WHEN
Homework focus group to be formed.	Mrs McKay and class reps	By October week
Mrs McKay to consider some form of reward/encouragement for a child trying new items on the menu	Mrs McKay	TBC
Iron on badges to be made available on Parent Pay. Class reps to notify their year groups once this is done.	Mrs McKay -Class Reps	TBC
Class Reps to remind all parents to return permission forms and annual data forms in order for children to allow twitter updates to be posted	Class Reps	17 Sept 2021
Tie up with Allison McKenzie for bank account handover and get new signatories in place	Rob Williams, Jacqueline Chinchin, Toni Leggatt	ASAP
Parent Council to confirm if they are happy for the cost of the maths event to be split with the school	Mary Ann Gorman	ASAP