AUCHTERTOOL PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2022, 6PM – 7PM **School Office**

**Attending: Lorraine Inglis, Lesley Brady, Fiona Strang, Jennifer Henderson, Joanna Mitchell.**

**Apologies: Sarah Carter, Libby Patterson, Clare Williams, Amanda Gabor, Shahida Hanif, Ruth Forrest.**

**Closed completed actions:**

* JM organised strawberries for the Queen’s jubilee picnic in the park.
* LI & RF supported the Eco-Warriors with a trip to Dobbie's trip to buy plants/compost for the playground.
* Lendrick Muir photo sort for parents/carers. JM/LI supported this.
* School Photographer - Mrs Murray ordered the group school pic.
* Hockey Taster – Happened and the children enjoyed. Some children have signed up for a trial at the Hockey club in Dunfermline.

1. **School Update from Mrs Brady:**
   1. **General school update** for the current term.
   2. **School Wide Topic this term – The World of Work** is going well this term with a variety of visitors that already have been into school and visitors planned for the coming weeks, including several parents/carers who are sharing their career paths with the children. The P1-4 class are exploring lots of roles through drama and play, including police, firefighters, dentists. The P5-7 class are exploring career paths, producing power-points and gaining presenting skills. The children are also producing Young Enterprise crafts and cards to be sold at the Autumn Fayre at the end of the Sept. The children are also exploring the costs, pricing and profits.
   3. **School Improvement Plan –** Mrs Brady talked through the draft version of the school improvement plan which is due to be completed at the end of Sept. This has also been shared with the children and will be with parents/carers too once finalised. Key areas are:
      1. Making thinking more accessible and visible
      2. Self-assessment
      3. Use of languages in school – French & Spanish
      4. Tools & Strategies

More details to follow.

* 1. **Outdoor space / playground improvement** Mrs Brady has submitted a proposal to the Business Manager which has now been pasted to Estate Management, detailing the proposed changes to create an outdoor classroom in the area that was once the large sandpit. This includes painting the walls, resurfacing the floor, an all-weather canopy, picnic style table/benches with games on the table, a storage cabinet and sensory equipment. The Autumn Fayre will fundraise towards the costs, plus additional proposed grant submissions to 4winds and ACT. These will follow once approval is received. **Mrs Brady to let LI** know once an update is received to allow grant requests to be submitted.
  2. **Active kids update**: Our new Active Schools coordinator is in place. We have after school football again on a Monday, 3.05-4pm let by Jamie Noble. Liz Anderson hoped that she will still be able to support Bike-ability for the small class. **Mrs Brady** to follow up with Liz.
  3. Following the success P6/7 **Residential trip to Lendrick Muir**, plans to schedule 2022/23 school years trip for the current P6/7s. Looking at the same time next year, April 2023 as gives sufficient time for parents to plan and fund the trip. The time of year worked well for the school and children. **Mrs Brady** to progress and feedback to parents.
  4. **P7 Leavers Hoodies** – are being progressed with samples ordered for sizing. Details will be sent home once received.
  5. **After school Yoga**: Going well and the children are enjoying the experience. We currently have 13 children attending. Parent council to request additional funds from ACT to continue the club post Oct hols. **JM/LI** to progress and feedback

1. **Autumn Fayre**
2. Ideas so far include: Kinghorn Coastguards attending with their rescue truck etc to chat to the families about the work they do. Links perfectly with the topic too! Home-baking, refreshments, sweets/marshmallows, young enterprise, tombola, guess the birthday, hook a duck, nails in the bale, craft and product stalls, pre-loved books, puzzles, games, wine table plus lots more!
3. Fayre to be held in the playground and the school hall. The Village Hall is booked as plan B in case it rains.
4. **LI** to contact the supermarkets to request any donations.
5. **JH** to speak to Greg re paper bags for cake sales.
6. **LI** price mini toys for prizes. If not, sweets.
7. **LI** to seek donations and volunteers to support the fayre on the PC FB page.
8. **Mrs Strang** to check if school still has the hook a duck. Mrs Strang to also supply a small paddling pool.
9. **JM** to support **LI** with poster/comms.
10. **AOB**
    1. **Lighting/Sound system** in the Village Hall update - After covid halting progression, it’s beginning to move forward for the school and community use (funding previously received). **SC** to continue to progress with the support of Iain McAlpine.
    2. **Lunchtime craft club –** seeking parent/carer helpers to assist the children in making cards that have been kindly donated to the school to sell at the Fayre. 12.45-1.15pm Monday & Friday. **LI** to request on the PCFB page for volunteers.
    3. **Village Hall WIFI –** WIFI is being investigated for the village hall. **Mrs Brady** to write to Simon Forrest Chair of the Hall Committee outlining the benefits this would bring to the school. Especially for during shows and performances as lack of WIFI impacted the 2022 leavers assembly.
    4. **Lochore Meadows –** Paul Mitchell at the Outdoor Education Centre. Potentially lots on offer for the children which the school can benefit from as their outdoor learning. **JM** to email Paul’s details to **Mrs Brady** to progress and make contact with.
    5. **ACT Funding Options for Fordell Fir / Lendrick Muir day trips –** Mrs Brady to speak to staff to look at options, dates etc. If not in school time, parent council could look at options during school holidays similar to when a trip was organised to the Ratho climbing wall. Could be an option for future terms. Mrs Brady & LI to liaise.
    6. **Ski Club –** **SC** to contact Fir Hill to understand current availability and feedback. Previously only available on a Friday which did not suit.
    7. **School Christmas show / Panto –** No firm plans yet for the Christmas term, however there will be a show with an audience (no green screen!) but details will follow soon. *After meeting update – Dec dates and details, including dates for the nativity and panto have been issued in this term’s newsletter.*
11. **The meeting closed.**
12. **Next Meeting –** Beginning Nov 2022.