

Denend Primary Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

**Thursday 8th Feb 2024**



### Attendees:

Cllr Linda Erskine, Claire McCallum, Gail Thompson, Sarah Dewer, Nicola Stewart, Danielle Tullis, Nicola Abbot, Caroline Taylor, Dale Mathieson, Claire Mathieson

### Apologies:

Cllr Rosemary Liewald

### Introduction of attendees

#### Chairperson report

£2695 raised at Christmas Fayre

Co-op fund is closing in April which will reduce funding, form has been submitted for Feb 24

Lisa Belton is setting up some clothing boxes in class so pupils have access to spare dry clothes if required

Clothing Bank - £28.25 received from the donations in the Rag Bag box.

Possibility of scratch card raising funds if there is a scaled down Christmas Fayre in Dec 2024

Name Labels - Free samples could be given to pupils and if they order the school receives a payment as a way to raise some funds.

#### Treasurers report

£12888.70 in Bank at present

Tesco grant restricted to playground

Money set aside to cover 2 years of parent council 'normal' activities.

Grant application to purchase the smart TV to close on 7th March

#### Headteacher report

Only been in post 5 weeks

Attainment is a big focus for the school

Nursery to P1 transition is in the planning stages

Education manager is coming to observe the school for one whole day in March

School app - has been paid for till June '24 before possibly stopping and to make more use of See Saw. Teachers will also put 2 posts a week on See Saw.

Attendance - There is a 91.1% stretch target and Denend is currently at 88.5%

Headteacher will put links in to the newsletter about services that are offered and use 1 on 1 approach for some struggling families

Plans to improve the look of the foyer when entering the school

School Priority 1

- Learning and Development of Childrens rights

- Embed childrens rights ethos

School Priority 2 - Developing digital learning

- Digital literacy progression pathway

- School online safety policy

PEF - Pupil Equity Funding

- Improve data analysis

- Targeted individual intervention

- This funds 67 PSA hours

Nursery Priority

- Mirrors school with childrens rights

- Nursery charter to be co-created with children

P7 - had a great time at Ardroy

P6 - a night at Fordel Firs is being organised

Green Team - looking after Wellsgreen park and kids are engaged with this

Grand bid to run an after school club to build an electric car, bit like an engineering club

Community Drop in team - session last week and will be monthly sessions going forward with sessions including the Community Social Work team looking at Benefit checks and after school and weekend activities.

### Councillors report

Community Recovery Fund - can apply for up to £10k, which could help get pupils back to pre covid levels

Growing budget - money available for things like planters in the playground

Poverty Budget - Money available for breakfast clubs or after school activities

## Events

28th March - Spring Disco. Danielle Tullis to organise DJ and Caroline Taylor Snacks and Drinks

Sports Day - 31st May, 5th June as back up. Nursery dates TBA (Danielle Tullis to book field)

21st June - Ice Cream van as an end of term treat

P7 Prom - parents are organising and PC has no involvement

Christmas coffee morning instead of a Christmas Fayre

Christmas Panto, Wed 11th Dec - £5 a ticket and adults go free, Bus to be covered by foundation Scotland Grant

Tesco Grant - need to be used soon or will expire

Asda Grant - Earmarked for a shelter, PC to apply for another Asda grant for more picnic tables

## **AOB**

Buddy Bench - still gathering quotes

Parent Council have issued a playground survey to gather views and feedback. So far it hasn't scored well on Safety and being worried about school. P1-3 has not been well represented so far but the major request is that there should be a green grass area