

# GREYFRIARS

## MINUTES

Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7pm.

**Present:** Mrs Nash, Mrs Crompton, Mrs Rochow, Nora, George, Anya, Alison, Di, Arianna, Karen, Magda, Colin, Ashleigh, Louise, Milena, Anne

**Apologies:** Lenia; Catriona; Linsey; Ashleigh

### 1. Minutes from last PC Meeting (26 May) and matters arising.

Approved.

### 2. Planning for AGM, with discussion of protocol for re-election of existing members, and for inviting new members to join the PC.

- AGM: Wed. 6th October 7pm (zoom).
- Protocol. After 3 years, principal office bearers (chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer) step down, and need to be re-elected (or someone else is elected). The chair of the PC must be catholic. No limit of term for class reps.
- Inviting new members to join (holding AGM, if you want to put yourself forward for a role, please contact Nora).

### 3. Headteacher report/Update.

- All settled back into school. 2 new members of staff: Miss Ray (P5), job sharing with Mrs Whiteford; and Mrs Muldoon (P3).
- Introduced P7s (31) to P1s (20). The 11 extra P7s buddying up with two P2s.
- Covid: (i) Easing out of covid restrictions: Fife Council suggested to take away bubbles; bubbles taken away in playground (for P4-P7s); P1-P3 already in playground together; (ii) all other restrictions currently in place (e.g. split breaks and split lunches); (iii) 3 children covid positive (from transmission from siblings in Madras); (iv) If a child presents with persistent cough, or high temperature, he/she will be sent home. But not policy of isolation; (v) cleaning and sanitising procedures have remained in place.
- Teachers carrying out assessments in literacy and numeracy. SNAZA assessments (P4 and P7) need to be done (Oct/Nov.)
- Sent out term overview of curriculum for each class (lots of positive feedback from parents). Class teachers' photographs with blurb about what they have been doing in the class (at end of term). Aim to improve communication between staff and parents.
- Website Update (Mrs Crompton): use 'glow' (free); website gone to Fife Council for approval; then there will be information about how to access it (hyperlinks to documents etc). There is a section for the Parent Council (leaflets, members). Anything else that needs adding, contact Mrs Crompton.
- Street Clean (Mrs Rochow): Fife Council to clean Roundhill road and Lamond drive (and then the school may try to maintain, if possible).

### 4. Treasurer report.

- £4,000 in the bank account. (£22 from Easy Funding added in).

- Ragbag (Louise to follow up on something inside; perhaps a bag collection after covid). Mrs Nash not keen to have something outside the school (danger of dumping rubbish).
- Fund raising? (Box of raisons - Fun raisons)

#### **5. Social Committee Chair Report.**

- Linsey wants to send an email to set up a social committee. She wants to be able to train someone up, so she can pass on the job after a year or so.
- In email to parents, invite people to join the Parent Council or to join the Social Committee (parents can do both, but it means parents can also do one or the other).
- Halloween? Is there anything to do? Dressing up. And Louise's idea!

#### **6. Church rep. report.**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7. Eco rep. report.**

- Second-hand uniform continuing on well. It would be good, in due course, to get the children involved (Eco-committee).
- Trees and Eco Committee. Mrs Rochow has applied for trees (and these will be grown next to fence). Woodland Trust will deliver 300 trees to the school (around March, 2022): hedging, native trees, forest area...Planting event in March. Linsey - you can apply to National Lottery (ends in November) for plants...(Anya happy to help with application).
- Litter pickers are free from the council; it would be good to see if other parents would be happy to help...
- The school is signed up to the Laudato Si Schools Scotland (LSSS).

#### **8. Class rep. feedback.**

- P3 asking about 'show and tell'. Mrs Nash is not encouraging this, as it takes up valuable time (and also safety issue with Covid). Also, it is often the same child, and there is not always a clear educational purpose.
- Very positive feedback from parents about the curriculum plan sent to parents for each class.

#### **9. AOB.**

- Milena. Question about the School Trips. Problem of residential trip in covid situation (need to consult with P7 parents); another option would be to have a non-residential activity week (e.g. surfing etc)?
- Violin. P7 continuing; P6 started; P5 assessment in January.

#### **10. Date of the next meeting.**

6 October, 2021, 7pm: AGM.