

# GREYFRIARS

## MINUTES

Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 7pm.

**Present:** Mrs Nash, Mrs Crompton, Mrs Rochow, Nora, George, Anya, Alison, Di, Karen, Colin, Louise, Lenia, Anne Rennie, Maria, Luisa Izzi.

**Apologies:** Ashleigh, Catriona, Linsey, Giulia, Milena.

### 1. Minutes from AGM (6 Oct.) and matters arising.

Minutes approved

### 2. Headteacher report/Update.

(i) opened up the gym for PE (and children have brought in their PE kit). PE now as normal (2 sessions in the gym / week).

(ii) School values at the heart of all we do. The plan is to make a tapestry for St Francis (Standing Together in Faith Respect Achievement Nurture Community Inclusion, and Sustainability): looking for needle-work, knitting, people (a bit like the tapestry of the old school in the hall [Mrs Nash will send a photo for P1-2 parents who haven't seen it]); using old fabrics and various materials, and display in the school hall, at the side of the stage. -> Please ask for volunteers amongst parents. (Anya) Perhaps ask children to find alternative use for item of clothing suitable for the tapestry.

(iii) School values and document will go up on the school website.

(iv) Pupil council elections, and voting, on Friday.

(v) Primary 2 asked if they could plant trees up by the fence? (Could parent council buy some trees; one for each class?) The PC agreed to fund trees up to £500, in the first instance.

(vi) Primary 7 carrying out prefect duties. Peer mediation training for Primary 7: the P7s help other children in the playground.

(vii) Lunch clubs start next week; delay until January for afterschool clubs (including football).

(viii). Christmas pantomime *Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits*: 'Hollywood comes to Greyfriars' (parents helping out with professional filming!) -. P6-7s leading (and all other classes have a turn for a song)

(ix) SNASA assessments for P4 coming up.

(x) Mrs Nash has booked a photographer on 28-29 November; he takes individual photographs.

(xi) Outdoor learning (update): Mrs Rochow doing a plan; work begins in earnest in the new year. [Anya idea to include a 're-wilding' space in the plans].

### 3. Treasurer report.

£4,325 in the bank.

### 4. Social Committee Chair Report.

(i) Linsey: going to Tesco on Friday to get 'selection boxes'

(ii) Small raffle, with three prizes.

**5. Eco rep. report.**

(i) If there was a themed day prior to Christmas, could there be a 'Christmas swap'?

-> Mrs Nash has signed the school up for the Christmas Jumper Day for *Save the Children* (Friday 10th December), but is also open to the Christmas swap. Anya, and social committee, to liaise with Mrs Nash.

(ii) Anya has followed up on litter picking, but no response from the council yet.

-> Mrs Nash has contacted the community police because young men drinking at the front door (glass outside the school). The police are aware of the issue.

(iii) Few uniform requests, but sometimes not able to provide what is requested. Could there be a push for donations (in the newsletter, and also on the website)?

**6. Class rep. feedback.**

(i) Issue of accessible entrance to the school (due to the nursery putting a fence across the path; this will be removed, and a gate will be put back in place).

-> Mrs Nash is following up on this with Fife Council. However, for the moment (due to covid), we have to use the stairs (due to nursery and school bubbles). Probably, post covid, we will go back to sharing the nursery path.

(ii) Could teachers remind children to hand in homework?

-> At the moment, all homework is on glow.

(iii) Would it be possible to have a 'show and tell'/celebration of cultural diversity by asking children to tell a little bit about their country/place of origin? Or perhaps combine it with Christmas and asking children to talk about local customs?

-> Show and tell can be time consuming, so better to tie in this celebration with other projects.

**7. AOB.**

(i) Do kids need gym shoes, or can they bring in trainers? Please bring in gym shoes, as softer for gym.

**8. Date of the next meeting.**

Wednesday 8th December, 7pm (online).\*

[\*From January, there is the option to have in-person Parent Council meetings. We will discuss this possibility at the next meeting (online) on the 8th Dec.]