

## **Minutes of Wormit Primary School Parent Council Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 6:30pm

**Location:** Gym Hall of Wormit Primary School

### **In attendance:**

Jamie Rose, Katie Brennan, Rhiannon Moore, Carol Hamilton, Heather Scott, Nissa Finney, Alana Steven, Debbie Dyer, Roy Elder, Silvia Synowsky

### **Apologies:**

Lucy Jess, Lorna Tasker, Fiona Scanlon

### **1. Welcome & Sign-Up Sheet**

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves. A sign in sheet was passed around.

Katie presented the aims, objectives and the purpose of the Parent Council with the new members on board

- a.) to develop a stronger understanding between school and home, by increasing family engagement/involvement in the life of the school.
- b.) to work in partnership with the school and provide a voice/support for families on issues that are important to them; including celebrating strengths and discussing areas for improvement.
- c.) to make links with our wider community, accessing and utilising the varied skills, knowledge and experience families can offer to enhance our children's learning journey whilst attending the school.
- d.) create a supportive, fun and engaging forum for our community to flourish and strengthen during covid recovery, as well as modelling for our young people the importance of partnership, accountability and responsibility.

### **2. Treasurer Report**

Carol updated the group on the current balance (£1274) and highlighted that the Parent Council will contribute to the P7 Leaving Celebration by helping with £150 for a DJ required for the Party. We would like to implement a general donation towards the P7 every year.

We would like to be transparent what we fundraise for. Ideas are to improve/renew the playground equipment (the iconic mouse needs to stay!) or to fundraise for musical instruments or accessories for drama in correspondence with headteacher/teachers.

Important support is also required in transport for organized school trips such as cultural visits, concerts, yearly pantomime at the Byre Theater, Science Centre etc. The recent cross country event of the Running Club is another example. Such trips are capped for pupils/parents and the outstanding balance needs paid. In the past Fisher or Moffatt Williamson buses were used.

### **3. Upcoming activities**

#### **3.1 Wormit Treasure Hunt**

At the end of this term we would like to introduce a local Treasure Hunt in Wormit for local families and/or visitors. The Treasure Map is developed with the help of teachers and their class who have identified “sites of interest” in Wormit and will develop a piece of work that will be accessible using QR codes at the site. P7 pupils will develop the map in an elective/out of school activity. The chosen map will then be available for £1 at the school office and selected businesses in Wormit/Newport (eg at the Spar) and is an excellent fundraising opportunity for the Parent Council.

#### **Actions**

Template map to be handed out to P7 -> Katie

Class work linked to QR codes and printed out to be found at the location -> Katie

#### **3.2 Uniform Swap Shop**

The idea is to re-use school uniforms that are either donated to the parent council or obtained from the lost property box at school. We will work on a stall at the school entry and/or during Saturday Football. Date and time is still to be decided. Once details are clear, information will be shared on our new Facebook site (Wormit Primary Parents).

#### **3.3 Potato Competition**

This competition is based on the Dandellion Project, unexpected garden theme. The potatoes were distributed among pupils. The outcome of this competition will be part of the Harvest Fayre (for more details, see below) where winners will be selected for various categories such as how many potatoes were grown, unusual shape, best potato recipe and more. The prizes are still to be decided.

#### **3.4 Harvest Fayre**

This event is aimed at bringing the whole school together. The date is Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. The event will take place in the Gym Hall and in Big Park. We would like to organise different interesting stalls and activities such as Dook a teacher (staff involvement is voluntarily), Raffle/Tombola, Lucky Dip, Face Painting, a stall for uniform re-use,

bric&brac, hook a duck and more. A good suggestion was to distribute paper cups (organized by Parent Council) among pupils to be brought back with wrapped surprises and sell these to pupils on the day.

We are looking for more ideas and helpers that can help with manning a stall or activity or with a tobola (collecting prizes in advance and/or helping on the day). We are also looking for local businesses that are able to cater for food on the day. A shout out on Facebook and other media will follow in time. We also have a list of people with interest in our parent council email account that we will approach.

### **3.5 AOB**

Facebook Page: We have decided to keep our new Facebook Page public. We would like to encourage families to post ideas and increase community involvement.

New School Building: The work for the new building for the school is now completed and it will likely stay as a multipurpose area. The Parent Council is invited to visit this building and will send an update through our Facebook Page.

P1 new starts: Parents are invited to visit the school on 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Carol and Rio will be representing the Parent Council and welcome parents with tea and biscuits. Mr Rose will take parents on a tour through the school.

**Actions:** buy new/fresh tea bags and biscuits

Restart of older activities (PreCovid) after the summer: The aim is to engage parents to work with the school as in the past it has proven to be a very fruitful relationship. Ideas are to find out what parents might like to do with the school and identify any skills that are beneficial to pupils/teachers. This might be achieved by sending out a questionnaire. Activities in the past were “World of work at school” where parents would introduce their profession to the pupils.

Transformation of the school: The idea is to transform the school into a more beautiful space with painting on school wall (themes of a famous artist) or just freshen up the wall. The recently moved garden shed has been subjected to chalk art by pupils and we would hope that pupils feel more ownership over the building. However, this is to be discussed with Mrs Jess.

Reinstallation of ecological environment: The school doesn't have any provision for growing space anymore such as raised beds and/or a greenhouse. Discussion whether this should be reinstated. Also the trees that needed to be cut due to a root disease have not be replaced. This could be taken up with Fife Council and an Eco-connection in the next year.

Food bank: The idea of a food bank collection ties in well with the Harvest Service in Autumn as well as with the Harvest Festival in September. However, it was pointed out that there is a general food collection box at the office at any given time. As Covid had its impact on such activities, it might be a good idea to send a reminder to parents.

Recruitment of ordinary members to join the Parent Council: The Parent Council requires at least 2 ordinary members. Unfortunately nobody has volunteered so far.