# Parent Council Minutes

## 5th October 2023

**Present:** Mr. McLeman, Maya Marsh, Yvonne Mackenzie, Stacey Eaketts, Amanda Owen (chair), Sally Bogale, Paulina Stephen, Sian Marchant.

**Apologies:** Becks Dye, Shakeel Ansari

1. Previous AGM minutes (2022)
   1. Previous AGM minutes approved by members who attended that meeting.
2. Election of Roles
   1. People nominated and were appointed by the members in the following roles
      1. Chair – Amanda Owen
      2. Treasurer – Stacy Eaketts
      3. Secretary – Sian Marchant
   2. Members agreed that the Quorum remain at 4 people
3. Head Teachers Update
   1. All pupils have settled in, there is a fantastic culture. Any behavioral incidents are only minor.
   2. Hub building:
      1. Hub Building has almost been finished. Waiting for Moray Council to arrange for the water to be connected. Furniture has already been purchased.
      2. Mr. McLeman will offer Parent Council (PC) to sign out and organise families tea/coffee morning after drop off.
      3. Mr. McLeman will offer monthly informal drop-ins to discuss anything with him.
   3. Diary dates:
      1. Parent appointments 24th/25th October
      2. In-service Days 13th/14th November
      3. Christmas movie Night – 7th December
      4. Christmas lunch - 13th December
      5. Christmas parties - 15th December
      6. Alves funky theatre - 20th December
   4. School budget- healthy budget. Council looking at restructuring and risk of reduced budgets.
   5. School improvement plan- Technology:
      1. Children are asking for more technology.
      2. Technology is already part of the syllabus however Mr. McLeman is reviewing the technology programme to ensure the school is getting the correct balance between screen time/non screen time etc... Plan to work with parents and families to ensure the plan will benefit the children.
   6. Music Programme
      1. Mrs. Lunan is leading embedding the music programme
      2. The programme includes understanding music, singing in Alves Funky Theatre and taking up musical instruments.
   7. Drama Programme:
      1. Plan to create this and focus on depth within the arts
   8. UNICEF Rights of the Child
      1. Mr. McLeman will be sending parents and families further information about the rights.
      2. The last Friday of the month each class will now focus on a global goal, pupils will complete fun activities.
      3. School is going for the UNICEF ‘Gold’ Status
   9. Phonic International (Synthetic Phonics):
      1. This has been embedded into the school, there has been a clear improvement in literacy across the school. It has been seen this way of teaching is supporting all pupils
      2. Phonic International Academically and Medically proven in researcg. Literature used from Christopher Such and Ann Glennie
   10. School Report Structure:
       1. The school report will change to focus on all areas. The style of the report will change from a narrative to bullet points.
       2. ACTION: Mr. McLeman to share the new report.
4. Moray Council Consultation:
   1. Moray Council are reviewing the learning estate starting with the Forres AGM. The council has invited parents/families to complete an engagement survey. Moray council are holding a face to face engagement session at Forres Library on 24th October.
   2. Maya provided some background information, voicing that the data Moray Council using for their comparison calculations is inaccurate and there are inconsistencies. Comparison of school using this data is not a fair way of ranking the schools. Alves ‘Very Good’ rating is not being used in this ranking.
   3. ACTION: Sally and Maya to create a fact sheet for parents/families and write a letter to the council cc’ing local politicians.
   4. ACTION: As many members as possible to attend the face to face event. Parent Council to encourage Alves parents/families to attend.
5. Fundraising:
   1. Tea towel
      1. Pupils have drawn the self-portraits, Wendy has put together the tea towel design.
      2. Members agreed to Royal blue font colour and the year border.
      3. Order will take place w/c 23rd October. Facebook message and Written order form in bag to for parents to order.
   2. Halloween Disco
      1. Halloween disco will take place on the 2nd November (6pm-7pm). £2 fee (includes crisps and Juice) Prizes for fancy dress. Tea and biscuits for parents/families.
      2. ACTION: Amanda to put on Facebook a request for a DJ.
   3. Christmas movie
      1. Christmas movie will take place on the 7th December
      2. Entry by donation (includes popcorn (no sweet popcorn)/crisps and juice)
      3. Pupils to put forward suggestions for a movie.
   4. Lucky Square
      1. Win £50 Tesco Voucher in time for Christmas. Plan to start selling tickets at the Halloween disco.
6. Activities
   1. Swimming
      1. Hire of Elgin Swimming Pool
      2. ACTION: Stacy to contact Elgin Swimming Pool
   2. Christmas presents
      1. No time at meeting to discuss in full
      2. ACTION: All research appropriate presents.
7. AoB
   1. Further meeting required to discuss Halloween Disco and Christmas Presents, agreed meeting via What's App Video 25th October at 7:30pm.