Parent Council (PC) Meeting Minutes

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| **Date** | 30/8/21 | **Time** | 7.30 | **Venue** | Zoom |
| **Present: Lisa, Lorna, Robyn, Caroline, Emma, Debbie, Helen, Kirsty, Kelly, Hazel, Chloe, Lauren, Michelle, Gillian, Rachel, Leanne** | | | | | |
| **School Representation: Mrs Mann, Mrs Monk, Mrs Holmes** | | | | | |
| Apologies: | | | | | |

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| 1. | Debbie Introduced Mrs Mann to the meeting and asked for an update on the school. Mrs Mann thanked everyone, especially the children for the warm welcome. Mrs M has been securing funding for resources across the school and clearing out. She has also secured Nurture training for staff and is reinstating the nurture areas around the school for pupils to access. 10 Ipads have been ordered with a view for one per class. Pc were updated on staffing, P3 now have their class teacher for 5 days, instead of the 3 which was previously planned. Pupil support is being looked at, with Mrs Monk liaising with staff, pupils and parents. Breakfast club is back up and running. Mrs M is aware of previous communication issues and is planning regular correspondence via newsletters and class letters. Mrs M asks that communication goes through the school office, this way it can be directed to the correct person. Twitter will pick up and teachers are encouraged to keep updated, once all permission slips are returned. Mrs M is working to get to know staff, meeting 1:1 to find their strengths. Mrs M has had one meeting regarding the new school and updated PC about a delay. They new date for opening is now 17th September 2022 |
| 2 | Mrs Monk also gave the PC an update. A grant from Tesco has been applied for, this will boost funds for breakfast club and purchase playground equipment. Mrs Monk is carrying our pastoral work and liaising with partner services. There is also hope that after school clubs will be able to start back soon. |
| 3 | Mrs Holmes gave an EYC update. There has been a shuffle of staff to accommodate the new hours. There is now 1 morning group and 2 all day groups with children being offered a 2 course lunch or dinner. NA does not allow children to bring their own lunches in the EYC |
| 4 | Debbie asked for clarification the class bubbles.  Mrs Mann explained that NA have the same rules from the previous term with the only change being close contacts in class, and whole classes will no longer be required to isolate. She emphasized rise is local infections and expects there will be no changes in the near future. On gym days children should come to school in there gym wear, wearing their school tshirts and jumpers. |
| 5 | Sub Groups update  They nursery subgroup had no update as their children are no longer in the EYC. The PC are looking for more representation from the EYC parents.  Lisa from the new school group introduced herself and explained that if there was anything at all the group could help with they were there. Lisa will send Mrs Mann an email.  Fundraising group, Mrs Mann explained there was a new Pupil council and thought it would be good for the children to be involved. There was suggestions of fundraising ideas with he view to putting a cap on the fundraising per child/family. Mrs Mann suggested a few of the pupil council members could join the next PC meeting for a short time. PC offered the school £100 from the latest fundraising and will allow the children to decide on how this money could be spent. |
| 6 | School Photos  These will be going ahead this year, Tempest was contacted today regarding a booking, some parent suggested other companies which Mrs Mann agreed to consider. |
| 7 | Uniform Bank  Michelle updated the PC on how many families had used the service over the summer, and beginning of the school year. It has proven popular in both donations and use. Michelle asked if there was anywhere to store the excess clothing. PC agreed to have a date possibly within school grounds for parent to collect uniforms or build it into a fundraising event such as coffee morning. Mrs Mann suggested after this any items of excess could be donated to local charity shops. |
| 8 | AOB  Trim trail. Lauren asked if this could be put back into use with regular spraying in between classes. Mrs Mann will speak to other heads to see how they manage this.  Mrs Holmes is working with the kids on being a Rights Respecting school, and being leaders. They are on the look of for parents who would like to be involved in this.  Leanne asked about having a page on the school website which would sign post local services. Mrs Mann explained an update on the website is in the pipeline an that an information sheet on services in the Garnock Valley will be given out soon.  There is now a Job Ref from the council concerning the overgrown bushes.  The PC discussed having PC meetings in person, however the majority preferred zoom meeting  The school are looking for gardeners to give up some of there time to help maintain the school gardens. Michelle will put out a plee on FB.  The next PC meeting will be 27th Sept at 7.30 on Zoom |
|  | AGM  Emma stepped down as Treasurer,  Caroline was put forward by Debbie and this was second by Emma  All the remaining office bearers were voted back into their previous positions |