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**MINUTES - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
TEAMS @ 7 PM**

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**

**Present** - Alison McFarlane, Shona Fisher, Gemma Boggs, Angela Hughes, Deborah Bruce, Andy Fairchild, Chris Blair, Fiona Gunn, Robin Bell & Charlotte McKinstry

**Apologies** -Sheila Darkins, William Watson, Dave Slater and Funmi Sanusi.

**2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Agreed.
- AM still to send out feedback form. She will arrange for this to be done.

**3. 2022/23 PARENT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- a) FG and RB have completed required paperwork to join PC. There are 9 members on PC, 1 space available. GB to draft note to send out advertising space available.
- b) Meeting dates have been listed. AH may need to chair next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February as GB has other commitment that date.
- c) All PC can be Admins on social media, login details available to all.
- d) Roles and responsibilities agreed. List will be available showing who does what and posted to year group chats. RB & CB offered to be events coordinators. CM will be fundraising rep. AH will continue to head social media. DB will administrate meetings, GB, AF & CB will continue to be new school liaisons.

**4. TREASURER REPORT**

- a) Handover has not happened as yet.
- b) There is currently £2539.06 in the bank. The Christmas trip to cinema was £1560 including VAT. The bus was £1200. School has paid both. PC had originally agreed to pay for the bus but it was agreed that PC would pay the higher amount of £1560 to cover the cinema trip itself as that figure is roughly what was raised at the Christmas fayre by PC.

**5. FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

- a) Total amount raised at the Christmas Fayre between the school and PC was £1779.03. Massive thanks to everyone involved. Amazing amount of donations and prizes given, stall holders and everyone giving their time for this. £229 has been raised so far from NLC Lottery. £211 was raised from the photos & bears, total of £1436.85 has been raised so far through Easyfundraising and £34 has been raised through our link with Co-op. AH

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has a meeting with AM and Nicola at Co-op to see how we can make the most of this. Especially with Fairtrade Fortnight coming up in February.

- b) £281 was raised from Cauliflower cards and £138 was raised from the donuts at Christmas.
- The grant for the Polytunnel Equipment closed last week so hopefully we hear soon about that.
  - GM asked AM to have a think about what they need or like to spend money on. There's no room to buy/store toys in current school. Always in need of new iPad's. These need to be provided through NLC, cost around £300 each and take around 6 months. School were going to order new laptops, these are around £500 each but bought 2 prometean boards instead. These were between £1500 and £1800 each but have been an amazing asset.

### 6. SCHOOL UPDATE

- AM thanks everyone for all the teacher gifts, well wishes for Christmas. Although not expected, it's appreciated.
- First day of enrollment today had 20 children; it's normally around 4. Not sure how the intake for next year will be but that was a big first day.
- Staffing; Mr Leggate has returned and Karen Simpson is on a phased return. P3 parents will receive a letter to explain the changes this may bring. Ms Tipping who was covering is back to 1 day now as she is a cluster teacher.
- 1 teacher is still off on maternity leave.
- Fairtrade Fortnight falls in line with world book day, other sponsored events and 2 strike days. May do Fairtrade week instead to fit it all in. AH suggested doing Fairtrade before the official 'Fairtrade Fortnight' so once it comes, kids are already aware of everything it stands for.
- Authors Lindsay Littleton will be coming in to speak to P4-P7 and Maisie Chan will be coming in to speak to P1-P3 on the afternoon of world book day. They are £150 each so if PC could help towards cost of that it would be appreciated.
- The week after Rookie Rockstars musical company will be in school. They engage with children through musical instruments and promote an anti-bullying message.
- The school earned around £700 to spend in Scholastics. Would be good if PC could help out at next parents meetings so they could run book fayre again.
- 27<sup>th</sup> January is Burns/Scottish Week. There will be a Scottish assembly in the church but for school only.
- 27<sup>th</sup> February Fairtrade Fortnight starts, 2<sup>nd</sup> March world book day, 6<sup>th</sup> March Rookie Rockstars, 17<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March parents meeting. Would be good to get feedback from parents about what they'd like, could improve, ideas etc.

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## 7. NEW SCHOOL

- a) Amazing news we finally have land for the new school. The potential is massive. There was a meeting with NLC today, had children thinking of ideas and suggestions. Aim to make it as best as can be.

The Consultation proposal is 28<sup>th</sup> February.

- b) There will be lots of community spaces so would be good to join forces for ideas/suggestions on how to make it work for everyone. We should reach out to other community groups and try get a working group. CM would be happy to get involved in this as involved in Playgroup and Friends of Gartcosh. We should get information sent out to parent forum to let people know what to expect, without too much details. GB and AM will compose a 1 page letter.

## 8. CURRENT CALENDAR OF 2022/23 EVENTS

As discussed earlier, calendar agreed. AH may need to chair next PC meeting as GB has another commitment.

## 9. PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

- **Composite classes**. This discussion is to be carried over to the next meeting.
- **Communication App**. CM asked if school could consider Seesaw App which is an interactive learning platform. Some other schools currently use this and it has gone down well. AM will look in to this and we can discuss at next meeting as well as any other composite class specific questions/issues.
- **Homework**. A parent raised the issue that homework was not consistent. AM will look in to this.
- **Photos**. Some parents have complained about the school photos that were done. Overall consensus was that they were very expensive for what you got. Some complained not great quality and some people got a lot to choose from, others had 1 photo so no consistency. Overall, poor value for money. School are happy to go with other companies. Few have been recommended. FG will contact Tempest for prices. School have used them in the past.
- **Breakfast Club**. One parent raised issue that there wasn't enough choice for the kids at breakfast club. Wasn't inclusive for intolerances. AM asked for contact details and will speak with parent to discuss.

## 10. ROAD SAFETY

- AH had contacted NLC re getting a school crossing patrol; no as we do not meet the criteria. Asked them regarding the no car zones, they will look at this option for us. Greg Lennon pushing for 20mph zone to be in place around the school.

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- Cars have been parking on school zigzags; AH will contact NLC to see how enforcement works for this.
- Police haven't been back to the school.
- We will continue to post reminders on social media re no cars/parking near the school.
- Road Safety Week is end of March.

**11.A.O.B**

- No A.O.B

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm via Teams.