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MINUTES - Monday 5th February 2024
Teams Meeting @ 7.00pm

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present -Angela Hughes, Chris Blair, Debs Bruce, Robin Bell, Charlotte McKinstry, Amanda Currie, Fiona Gunn, William Watson, Alison McFarlane, Shona Fisher & Lisa Murray

Apologies - Gemma Boggs, Andy Fairchild, Lynsey Foster, Funmi Sanusi and Dave Slater

2. UPDATE ON REPORTS FROM AGM

- The Chair report has been finalized. Now that it's good to go, CB can apply for the PVG's. Means PC won't be as reliant on the school to attend discos etc, although their attendance is always appreciated.

3. TREASURER UPDATE

- Not much has happened since Christmas.
- The bank account looking healthy.
- Just under £500 was paid for invoices for playground equipment, 1 more has still to be paid once Invoice sent to us.
- The Treasurer report is good to go, thanks for help filling the blanks. Will be much more organized for next year accounts.
- We are still looking at contactless payment options. Need to be a charity or registered business for certain ones. RB will speak to the bank next time he is in. AH will be at Coatbridge branch tomorrow so will ask.

4. ADDITIONAL USERS/BANK ACCESS

- RB will speak to CB re options for additional users getting access to bank account. Just now, RB personal details used so need to look at other options.
- Some old users need to be removed as they are no longer on PC.
- AH and CB happy to be additional users.

5. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- We got just over £1900 from Co-op last year. The scheme is changing this year as of October, we will get a split from their funding pot,

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around £130 and Co-op may top it up slightly. Will need to wait and see how much it is this year.

- M&S last year we got £290 commission - hopefully this is same annually.
- Community Lottery we had £520 to date, could do more to push that as there's not many ticket holders.
- Easyfundraising, since the beginning we have had just over £1700 and from August to December the figure was £125 so that is doing well.

6. HEADTEACHER UPDATE

- Enrollment was in January - expecting 39 children in Primary 1. Depending on staffing could be 2 small primary 1's but more likely to be a 1 and a 1/2 but not sure as yet.
- Contact with people from new school - they are now looking at planning of internal of the building and coming to consult in next few weeks about that so things are moving on as they should be. Looking forward to seeing what it could look like.
- We will be doing a March to school campaign for safer walking to school, safer parking etc. Information to follow and traffic will continue to be monitored.
- Hoping that the new pick-up arrangements are working well, has there been any feedback? WW has voiced his opinion that it's much better. It seems much less busy, less traffic but would be good to hear other opinions as well. FG had raised this for point 11 but was just to say several parents complained to begin with, but after a couple days were saying how much better it was and how much they preferred it.
- We have had some parent workshops, p2/3 and p4b parents in. We have p5 parents in for Chinese New Year and different classes are set across the rest of the year. Has there been any feedback? RB was in the p2/3 one and thought it was fantastic, really good and great to see what the kids were up to. Good turn out from parents as well, shows how keen parents are to see what the kids have been doing. Really positive feedback received. AC was in for the 4b one, well turned out and it went down really well with parents. Great to see and nice to be involved in things the kids have been doing.
- Not everything the children do in class is reflected in the jotters that are sent home so felt these sessions are ways to have parents involved and see what the kids are doing.
- Any ideas on other things they can do are welcome.
- There will be a school show for Primaries 4-7. This is really different for us. It will be Wizard of Oz theme slightly different. Singers, dancers and all the classes will be involved. 12th, 13th and 14th March - any help with props, production etc would be appreciated. Hopefully everyone enjoys it. It lets kids showcase their talents.
- A message is being sent out requesting iPad chargers. Don't know where ours go but a request will go out in next newsletter.
- A list will be put together for anything that may be required for the show that we could share with group chats, props, costumes etc, would be helpful.

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7. ESTABLISHMENT FUND COMMITTEE

- North Lanarkshire bank through RBS. Their Establishment Fund is a strict set of guidelines now just to make sure everything is clear and everybody knows where every penny goes. AM will send over a copy of their policy for PC to see. The school have created their own policy now based on NL's. It is the money that the school collects. Every spend over £100 has to go through an Establishment Committee which is AM as Chair, Vicki as Treasurer, LM on it also. Looking to put some of the children on it and also a parent. A member of PC would be helpful, meeting once per month to discuss. Would anyone like to volunteer? AH has volunteered. First meeting will be soon, have to set a constitution.
- We are looking for an Auditor, independent from the school. Their job would be to look over the Establishment Fund books once per year and write a report that the school would then submit to NLC. Do we know of anyone that would be interested or able to do it?

8. ECO COMMITTEE

- On behalf of Sarah Morbey who is running the Eco Committee and hopes to work towards getting the green flag. So far Eco Committee have carried out an environmental review of the school and through the review the children have flagged the following areas as in need of improvement. They have created an action plan to improve in these areas and work towards gaining the green flag.

LITTER AND WASTE

- A review of the current bins and their accessibility.
- Use of a litter rota to involve the children in the upkeep of the playground.
- Review of recycling facilities and their use within the school.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

- A review of the current greenery within the playground highlights that there's not a lot.
- Sarah has been in discussions with Homegrown and they will give us some evergreen trees and along with other things, add some greenery to the playground.
- A member of Homegrown is also going to come to the school and do a planting session with us.
- Friday climate action committee working on this as well as a planting after school club in March.
- Any support with planting or gardening equipment would be very welcome. We are also in need of soil in particular.
- The Biodiversity Committee are building bug hotels to encourage wildlife in to our playground.

CLIMATE ACTION

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- The Committee are intending to introduce a wormery in to the playground, part of that requires a cupboard area which just now we don't have. Do we get a gazebo or a shed to support this? Are there any parents out there that are joiners or have access to anything to build a small shed or even build wooden planters?
- Mr Maxwell is doing a food waste committee and he's hoping to introduce a compost heap to reduce the food waste and provide compost for the planting.
- Miss Morbey is open to any suggestions or ideas on anything that would help the Eco Committee in their work. The Co-op grant was for spending on things like this. If a list could be prepared and sent over for us to look at.
- We are hoping to do another litter picking event in June.

9. SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- The Spring disco is 14th March - if the teachers were free for this, would be appreciated as PC PVG's still aren't in place.
- We will be having a tribute night of some sort on 3rd May. CB got prices and availability of a few different acts. Staff can come but it's not required like the disco, as this is a family night. Poll to be sent out to group chats to choose the tribute act.
- We are considering a summer fayre. It's a lot of work, would need to work out a date around other events, other group fayres etc and would need additional help/volunteers. Further discussion to be had on this.
- Will there be a sports day this year? No one really knows the situation with the club grass/grounds, we will ask AF to try make some enquiries.

10. SCHOOL TRIPS/PC CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

- If PC are to contribute to class trips we would prefer to do it for each class within the school and not just some classes to ensure that it is fair.
- AM stated that the trips are so expensive. The Christmas panto was fantastic and worked really well. Could we cover the bus cost for that again?
- The classes that have had a trip so far, the school have supported the cost of that.
- Further discussion to be had but will ensure it's organized and fair so that everyone sees the benefit of the contributions.

11. SCHOOL NEW PICKUP ARRANGEMENTS

- This was discussed earlier as part of the headteacher update.

12. PARENT FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS

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- No items were reported back.

13. ROAD SAFETY

- AH will be meeting with the JRSO's soon.
- Cars still parking on street outside school, will continue to post requesting parents walk where possible or park away from the school.

14. CHURCH COMMUNITY COFFEE AFTERNOONS

- Church Spring fayre - PC has taken a table to sell pocket money toys. Felt it would be good to help the church and continue relationship with church/school/PC. Suzanne had mentioned monthly community group coffee mornings and if PC would be interested in getting involved. We would need to check that we have the volunteers to commit their time and bake cakes. It was agreed it would be nice to make the link between the groups. AC will ask for dates and we can then discuss further. The messy play event in the church was well attended but the coffee morning wasn't as busy so would be nice to support and do what we could. AM suggested the choir may be able to do something.

15. A.O.B.

- CM stated that the sports session at Broadwood was really good and really positive feedback received from the kids and parents. SF stated that the kids really enjoyed handball and that the coach might go to the school to do a session.
- Glasgow City Council launched a road safety video at the City Chambers, available to see online.
- AM asked if CB could help with discussions re microphones, lighting etc for the school show. CB will stop for a chat. Are we able to record the show for the parents unable to make it? Not sure as permission not given for some kids to have their photos/videos taken. Will look at options for the parents unable to make it. DB suggested recording the show for the kids themselves to watch back at some point in school.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 4th March - just PC, hopefully in person. One after that is Monday 15th April with everyone via Teams.