

Parent Council Meeting

Monday 7th June 2021

Present:- Daniel Murray, Carolyn Mitchell, Neil Ramage, Tracey Johnston, Lynn Felvus, Patricia Lever, Carryl Clark, Laura McKenzie, Amanda Mitchell, Allana Burns

Apologies: - Nicola McEwan, Amanda Molloy,

Amanda welcomed all to the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed 1st Amanda Mitchell 2nd Neil Ramage.

No Correspondence

Neil gave the treasurers statement: - balance in bank £2048.91

Head Teacher Report

Recovery Planning

- Risk assessment is up to date and will continue to be adapted in line with Government and North Lanarkshire Council guidance.
- Return to school uniform in August. PE will probably continue outdoors and pupils will be asked to wear kit on these days.

School Improvement Plan

- Confirmation that the school has now achieved Eco Scotland Award. This session, we have achieved Silver Rights Respecting Schools and Eco Award. Positive recognition for all of the work undertaken by the school during this period, despite the difficult circumstances.
- Currently in the process of writing our improvement report. A lot of positive work has been happening to develop our broad, general education.
- Priorities from our ongoing self-evaluation include:
 - Raising attainment in literacy and numeracy across the broad general education, with a focus on the STEM subjects.
 - Continue to develop our approaches to digital learning and look at the Digital Schools framework.
 - Continue to focus on mental, social and emotional wellbeing, in response to Covid-19.
- School Improvement Plan and Report will be issued to NLC for approval by 24th June, and will be shared with stakeholders in August, once it is approved.

Staffing Update

- Mrs Oliver, Senior Clerical and Clerk to Parent Council will retire at the end of August 2021. Mrs Oliver has worked in the school for nearly 20 years and will be sorely missed by the community.

- Staffing allocation for next academic session is 12.9 FTE. This has been increased to 13.2 FTE through Pupil Equity Funding. At the moment, based on this staff, there will be 10 classes formed next session. Final staffing and class structure will be confirmed by the end of term. Due to the change in pupil numbers, we've had to look at class structure a few times. P1 legal limit is 25, P2 and P3 is 30, P4-7 is 33. Composite classes have a legal limit of 25.

Transition Arrangements

- Nursery to P1 transition underway. Initial visit was 23rd May and second visit, 15th June. Mrs Murphy and Miss Mitchell have both been visiting nurseries over the past few weeks.
- Bellshill Academy visit arranged for tomorrow afternoon. The children have been issued with their timetable for the afternoon. The children will be escorted up to Bellshill Academy by Noble and Bellshill Academy staff at 12.45pm and then dismissed at 3:30pm, making their own way home.

General School Updates

- End of term arrangements in recent school newsletter.
- Tree planting – one for each pupil.
- Reports are due to be submitted to HT this week and will be issued by Friday 18th June.

AOCB

Amanda Mitchell gave the yearly report.

Carolyn Mitchell is undertaking the planting of 400 trees from the Woodland Trust. All pupils and staff will get the opportunity to plant a tree and the Parent Council were issued with an invitation to take part.

Mr Murray thanked all members of the council for their hard work and dedication and a special thank you to Tracey Johnston, Patricia Lever and Amanda Mitchell whose children who are moving on to high school.