**Parent Council Meeting**

**Monday 7th December 2020**

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

Amanda welcomed all to the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Neil gave the treasurers statement

**H.T. Report**

**General Updates**

* Helen How, CLD Worker, is retiring at the end of December
* Noble Primary School has now achieved the Silver Aware Award from UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the focus group. Early feedback has indicated that we are on the right track for Gold Award. The school has already begun to work collaboratively with Bellshill Academy and Lawmuir Primary School, who have also recently achieved Silver.
* World Children’s Day – Sponsored dance-a-thon raised £2800. A fantastic sum of money. It was agreed by the children that half of this money would be donated to St Andrew’s Hospice. Mrs Oliver will contact the liaison officers. Thank you to the Parent Council for the donations of the odd sock competition prizes. These were greatfully received by the children.
* Student Teachers will be joining us soon from Strathclyde University, see recent newsletter for details.
* House Captains – voted and now in position.
* Transition event with Bellshill Academy took place last week. Following on from our discussion last time, Mr Hamilton, DHT, has issued a letter and questionnaire to parents. The children were asked to submit questions prior to their meeting last week. Mrs Mitchell attended with P7a.
* Interim reports were issued last month along with the Snapshot Jotters.
* We had an amazing response to the Foodbank donations through the Reverse Advent Calendar campaign. Many thanks to the families who were able to contribute to this.
* Arrangements for Christmas are well underway, following current advice. The children had a fantastic Christmas dinner on Friday 4th December. Online pantomime is booked for 16th December and class teachers are organising a fun, activity afternoon. Hosanna Rock performance will be filmed and hopefully shared online.
* Thank you to the Parent Council for their kind donation of selection boxes.

**Scottish Government Advice for Schools**

* Classes continue to operate within their class bubbles.
* Risk assessment continues to be adapted and modified as necessary.
* If there are any positive cases within the school, we have very strict guidance and procedures in place. We follow Public Health advice and would contact parents accordingly. Parents would be notified if there was a case within the school and if their child was identified as a close contact. If any child has to self-isolate, there would be a move to remote learning through Microsoft Teams and other digital learning platforms. Families would be contacted by North Lanarkshire Council as part of a welfare check. The senior leadership team would also check in with families via a phone call.

**School Improvement Plan**

* Working parties continue to take forward the areas of outdoor learning and digital learning.

**Pupil Equity Funding**

* Order of laptops and iPads made. Still waiting on order to be delivered. The majority of our money from PEF has been used on digital resources.

**AOCB**

Tracey fed back to the members on her recent course. The items raised at the conference were the role of the Parent council during COVID.

Tracey felt that the meeting was more for new members as we are adhering to the guidelines.

Neil had endeavoured to obtain funds from the Asda Champion, this was unsuccessful, and he will monitor the situation with a view to making an application.

Tricia Brownlie (Nicola’s Aunt) has generously donated £200 to the council for the purchase of playground equipment that can be used by all pupils. The funds were raised by her with Bodyshop sales, raffle etc.

Amanda has approached Co-Op to obtain a small gift for all pupils. The Co-Op in the past has donated an expensive hamper for raffle and is a generous benefactor of the school.

Mrs Oliver will send a text tomorrow to publicize the raffle.

Neil will endeavour to organise an online raffle in the spring.

**Next meeting – Monday 1st February at 6.00pm**