Parent Council

Meeting Monday 2nd November 2020

Present:- Daniel Murray, Nicola McEwan, Margaret Bruce, Neil Ramage, Tracey Johnston, Lynn Felvus, Amanda Molloy, Patricia Lever, Kristeen Kennedy, Laura McKenzie, Amanda Mitchell

Apologies: - Allana Burns

Amanda welcomed all to the meeting.

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

A request has been made for two members to attend a conference arranged by Mr Colum, Nicola and Tracey are happy to represent the council.

Neil confirmed the bank balance as £3071

AOCB

Lynn suggested that some parents need assistance with ICT. Daniel Murray will put out a survey.

It was agreed that the council would purchase a selection box for every pupil.

Member were asked to speak to other councils for ideas for fundraising events. Nicola McEwan suggest monthly dress down days.

Daniel Murray advised that the uniform policy would remain the same.

**H.T. Report**

**Scottish Government Advice for Schools**

* Additional guidance has been issued on Friday 30th October.
* Parents are asked to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting pupils (except those exempt from doing so).
* Classes continue to operate within their class bubbles.
* Risk assessment continues to be adapted and modified as necessary.

**General Updates**

* Thank you to our Parent Council for donating crisps and Fredo bar for our fun afternoon on Friday 30th October.
* Audit completed and submitted by Mrs Murphy and Miss Mitchell for our Eco Scotland Award. All classes have been focussing on an aspect of Eco as part of their outdoor learning work.
* Virtual accreditation arranged for Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award – 12th November 2020, P7a involved as well as PC Chairperson, HT and PT.
* Settling in reports will be issued in the next few weeks.
* Snapshot jotters will be sent home for parents to view a snapshot of their child’s work over a working week.
* Foodbank donations for Communities Together – Bellshill Cluster will work together to gather donations safely. Information will be issued this week. Recently launched on Twitter.
* Poppy Scotland to be organised by RRS Committee.

**School Improvement Plan**

* Submitted to NLC following consultation.
* Staff working parties formed:

1. To look at outdoor learning in maths

2. To look at developing the outdoor learning environment and loose parts play.

3. To develop digital learning provision.

**Pupil Equity Funding**

* Supporting additional staffing 0.2 FTE to form 11 classes.
* 40 additional laptops purchased to support digital learning.
* IPads to be costed.
* Focus continues to be on attainment.

**Forthcoming Events**

* Inservice Days – 16th November 2020
* Poppy Scotland.
* 20th November – World Children’s Day.
* Christmas events, and fundraising to be discussed and finalised by staff at November meeting.

AOCB

Suggestion were made for fundraising during these unusual times. It was agreed that the Annual Raffle will go ahead with some changes. Nicola will speak to her aunt with a view to a Bodyshop Fundraiser.

Lyn expressed concern concerning the increase in the cost of school meals, other member agreed. Mr Murray explained that this was an NLC decision.

Kristeen made excellent fundraising suggestion, however, due to present restriction they will be looked into at a later date.

Amanda voiced concerns about primary 7 transition. This is in the hands of Bellshill Academy and the restrictions have meant substantial changes to their usual programme of events.

**Next meeting – Monday 7th December at 6.00pm**