Parent Council Minutes

Meeting – Monday 6th March 2017

**Head Teacher** – Mrs Paula Brazill

**Principal Teachers** – Mrs Julie McColl / Mrs Anne Yuill

**Teacher Representative** – Mrs Kirsty Craig

**Chairperson** – Vacancy

**Vice Chair** – Mrs Ivelina McAtee

**Treasurer** – Mrs Katrina Semple

**Secretary** – Vacant Post

**Parish Rep** – Sacred Heart – Mrs Karen Brown

**Parent Council Clerk** – Mrs Michele Fenton

**Councillor** – Alan Graham

**Parent Members** – Ms Tracy Bulpitt, Ms Tammie Ballie, Mrs Jacqueline Griffen,

Mrs KirstyAnn McCafferty,

Catherine Bozec, Helen Williamson, Mark Molloy

Ivelina opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them all for coming along, happy to see some new faces.

A discussion was made regarding new members being appointed. We will hold off until the AGM. The Constitution will also need changed and again this will be organised after the AGM.

The role of the Parent Council is to offer advice, support and identify areas of concern representing the parent body. Meeting will take place at least once a month.

The PTAs role is separate from the Parent Council and their role is fundraising, they will report to the parent council members. Meeting can take place as and when required.

The current Facebook Page for the parent council members will cease and a new one will be up and running as soon as possible. Settings will be basic so that there is no need for admin to be one person’s job in approving new members. There will be a PTA (closed group) and a Parent Council (secret).

Treasures report – No information to pass on to date. Previous chairperson will be contacted regarding the handover information for all the paperwork and bank account statements.

Mrs Brazill – spoke about the staffing and the newly appointed 0.4 teacher, Mrs Weir. She will also cover 1 day per week for Principal Teachers to have their time out of class. The school are still 1.6 staff down and the council are advertising Core Support to improve the situation. Some parents and Councillor Graham have contacted the authority regarding this. With regard to the budget cuts for this year Mrs Brazill has no information to pass on at this point. Hoping by next meeting to discuss this further.

Three Staff working parties have been organised in the school. Profiles / Reporting, Health and Wellbeing and Behaviour Policy.

Stop and Think approach is being implemented in the school for behaviour issues. We will also be looking at incentives for good behaviour – point System. Sanctions / consequences will be childlike size, saying sorry and understanding. i.e – letter, reflection letter will be written by the child or copied if younger. This will be appropriate to their age/maturity.

After a number of letters notification will be sent home to parents to discuss with their child. Assaults will be an automatic letter home.

World Book Day – Some parents were upset at the fact that no dressing up was allowed and some parents welcomed it. The school took into account 3 reasons.

1. School Attainment Challenge – stigmatised / financial pressures
2. Behaviour deteriorates
3. Some children afraid of dress up characters

Option to ‘Stop everything and read’ was enjoyed by the pupils.

We would prefer that parents call the school to discuss any concerns rather than taking to social media.

The Book Fayre Company have been in touch asking if we would like another book fayre, making it twice a year. A discussion was made and it was decided to just stay as once a year as the books can be a bit expensive to parents.

Catherine Bozec came up with an idea of a ‘Book swap day’ instead.

Mark Molloy mentioned about a Book Study once a term then parents have time to make costumes. Mrs Brazill will put this out to parents in the future.

Easter Activities – Fund Raising Events

All activities will be done during Lunch – Name the Bunny / number of sweets in the Jar etc…. The cost will be 10p each.

Movie morning/ No Homework Week – were all suggested by the pupils of the school and will cost from 50p - £1

Easter Disco – Thursday 30th March

Catherine Bozec will contact a DJ and if one can’t be arranged a playlist will be made up.

Tuck-shop / Collecting Money / Observe children / Injuries – Help required by members of the PTA and parents. School Staff will mark children in and out of the school.

Social Media was discussed. The school are asking for parents to talk to their children positively about school. It has been brought to the attention of staff that some parents are sharing very negative views of the school and this can impact on children and the respect they demonstrate while in school.

Catherine Bozec talked about the Bus parking on the Zig Zags Lines and how unsafe it is.

Mrs Brazill mentioned that we had battled for a number of years to have the bus come up to the school as before it was at the bottom of the road and we have no staff available to take them to and from the bus stop. We have contacted the Community Police as a number of parents / guardians / carers are still dropping off on the Zig Zags and the corner of the road. Both SPT and Health and Safety have agreed with the bus coming as close to the school to drop off and pick up.

Karen Brown, Church Rep talked about Sacred Heart Parish looking for schools to get involved in Welcome letters for any Refugees coming into the area. Also looking for donations of toiletries, clothing. Mrs Brazill mentioned that P6 as part of their Pope Francis Award are visiting the clothing bank to help sort out clothing.

Mrs Brazill discussed the moving of the monthly newsletter to email, Xpression App, Web site. This will cut down on the cost of printing and paper.

The next meeting – discussion about Class Dojo / Working Parties / Reporting.

Next Meeting – Monday 27th March 2017 at 6.30pm

AGM – Monday 24th April 2017 at 6.30pm

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