

MINUTES – EDAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
21ST NOVEMBER 2022 15:30



Attendance; Jayne Burton, Rona Humphreys, Jonathan Mann, Lorna Garson, Ashley Wakeling

Apologies; Katy Hearn, Katie Lockwood, Julia Marshall

1. Parents were asked to discuss their opinions on the redevelopment of the curriculum review due to take place on the Curriculum for Excellence.
 - a. Parents agreed that having a second modern language was not necessary.
 - b. It was more important to have Art, PE and Music.
 - c. RH stated that parents are welcome to email her with any suggestions of changing the curriculum for the future.
 - d. AW noted that the Curriculum for Wales, written in 2015 by the Graham Donaldson, after reviewing the Curriculum for Excellence has been applied since September 2022 and has been trialled across several schools.
 - i. Recommendation that we reach out to a few Welsh schools to see how it has been implemented and its pitfalls.
2. PEF Funding (£6000) – To close the gap in attainment of pupils from lower income families.
 - a. RH discussed dyslexia in the school.
 - b. It was noted that in Eday, the gap in attainment is not related to lower incomes.
 - c. Approval was given for the following individual items.
 - i. Reading and scanning visual pen (£265.00)
 - ii. Audio Headphones for the full class (£390.00)
 - iii. Participative spending led by and implemented by the children (£500.00)
 - iv. Additional staffing provision
 - d. AW asked whether we could consider the purchase of a potter's wheel to enhance creative arts further.
3. Parent Council Funding Uniform
 - a. There was debate around whether this would continue beyond this year, as jumpers have already been funded and children grow quite quickly. There was concern raised over the financial burden on the parent council should this be annual.
 - b. AW to contact F&F and George at Asda to see whether they would fund school uniform.
 - c. Agreed that the uniform would be dark grey trousers or jogging bottoms, white polo shirts (unbranded) and a Jade jumper (already in production).
 - d. This will be discussed at the next parent council meeting when a decision has been made by potential funders.
4. Piano Lessons
 - a. AB discussed the potential of leading lessons in a large group using Yamaha Piano teaching methods – This would require funding and AB will get back to the school by Christmas as to what can be provided after January.
5. Outdoor Education
 - a. Concern was raised by RH about OIC providing outdoor education to only P7 children which would result in a solitary child attending Hoy without a staffing complement.

- b. RH proposed that we send P5/6/7 on a two-yearly rolling timetable instead under our own funding.
 - c. Fundraising opportunities were discussed surrounding this.
 - i. AB mentioned we have the Bluedoor in June although this is now unstaffed – we need to assemble goods to be sent and this would be put into the February edition of the Sound.
 - ii. Shop Sales – The shop café has now got funding to open to provide free tea coffee and cake on a Tuesday for 90 minutes for people to attend in a warm environment. It was discussed that we could produce items including foodstuffs at the school to sell and raise money at these events.
 - iii. Later in the year, selling seedlings from the polycrub through the same medium.
6. Christmas Dinner
- a. It was decided that the Community Christmas Dinner would be held on 21st December (last day in school) when Morag Miller is in attendance.
 - b. The Christmas production would also be staged on this day although this year would take the form of a sing-along rather than a formal production.
7. Children’s Christmas Party – Eday Partnership
- a. No formal date was set but the date of the 18th of December (Sunday) was informally aired as the most suitable.
8. Any other Business
- a. JB mentioned her want to have a daily reading log for her children at home as she has had previously in schools in England.
 - i. Both RH and AW mentioned that reading abilities in the school are remarkably high and that this would be supported if JB wanted to pursue it herself. Younger pupils have reading logs sent home over the weekend at present, but older pupils are free to choose, particularly if their reading and comprehension is higher than their chronological age.
 - b. RH agreed to ask PH if he would attend the Christmas Party as Father Christmas this year.

Meeting Closed 16:40