

Braco School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 19th November 2018 6:30pm

at Braco Primary School

Attendance: Jo Speed (Chair), Susan Ross (Head), Julie Davies (Vice Chair), Fiona Kerr (Treasurer), Dominic Edward (Secretary), Anna Black, Helena Carey, Claire Crossley-Bell.

Apologies: Becky Davidson

1. Headteacher Report

SR asked how many parents could recall the school values. [Silence]. To rectify this and to get the children involved with the school values a competition was held to create characters that would represent the school values. These characters are being turned into 'cuddly mascots' by HC to help reinforce the values during. The winning entrants were Monty Mountain for hardworking; equitable Ed, a referee; Orla the honest ostrich; and respectful Rose. These characters will also be depicted as part of a 'recognition board' to record when the children demonstrate showing these values.

Staffing - Mrs Weston (new Principal Teacher) is due to join the school on Monday 3rd December, with Miss Perry having her last day on Friday 30th November. Unfortunately, it is likely that Mr Lee will not be coming back until after Easter due to staffing requirement elsewhere. Jill Doogan is the new QIO (Quality Improvement Officer). SR thanked all parent volunteers for their help.

From 3rd December 2018 staffing will be:

P1/2 Mrs Champion (Mrs Ross Wednesday AM)

P3/4 Miss Barnes (Mrs Digance Wednesday TBC. Mrs Ross Friday AM)

P5/6/7 Mrs Weston (Mrs Digance Thursday)

Mrs Gilles will support all classes

Miss Lamb will support P1/2 and P3/4

Recent Events – SR is happy to report a number of successful events at the school recently – a visit from NSPCC visit, visit from black watch to 5/6/7, bikeability, P3/4 trip to Perth Museum. SR was pleased to recount a very complimentary email she had received from the CSI Workshop on how well behaved and engaged the pupils had been.

Future Events - SR is still pursuing a booking for Sky Academy, P1/2/Nursery to visit Loch Leven, Bikeability for P5/6/7 to start after new Principal Teacher starts, Sustrans bake off and pedal cinema on 3rd December, Panto trip 6th December.

Other News

From August 2019 P1 pupils will be doing full days from their very first day in August,

SR acknowledged that some parents had expressed dismay at the Halloween disco falling on Halloween this year, though the event was nevertheless well attended. The pupil council has sought views on this from the children; who were found to be supportive of this again next year. It was agreed that Parent Council would fund this event again. This disco will still fall on the last Wednesday in October; though for 2019 this happens not to be Halloween itself.

Mrs Fridge is trialling an app in Nursery, called 'See Saw', that will hopefully help to manage the workload associated with compiling learning logs. If successful, this may be extended to the whole school in the future.

2. Parent Council Spending 2018/2019

Following some very successful fundraising event over the past year, Parent Council has been seeking views on the best way to spend the money we have raised. Parents, staff and pupils have all been asked for ideas.

Parent Council reaffirmed a prior commitment to fund P5/6/7 attending Sky Academy and the Nursery/P1/P2 trip to Loch Leven.

SR suggested a trip to V&A in Dundee that would cost £4.50 per pupil plus buses, also a visit by 'Generation Science' who could provide 2 shows for £310. These events could possibly take place in the summer term. There was general support among parents towards this volume of spending on trips/events such as these and it was agreed that SR would work with the committee to make bookings once dates and details could be confirmed.

Other spending suggestions:

Outside noticeboards – There was general support for purchasing these, with the suggestion that they might even be electronic. DE/SR to investigate prices for standard noticeboards. JS to investigate prices for electronic boards.

Scooter Rack – Whilst more space to store scooters could be beneficial, it was noted that this could impinge further on already limited playground space and that new bike/scooter storage may well be addressed as part of the school refurbishment. Sustrans/ADT may also be a good source of funds for this. DE to check Sustrans funding options.

Forest School Bags - some hi-vis drawstring bags or rucsacs were suggested as being useful for the children to carry hat/gloves/snack/water to forest school. It was agreed that these would be useful and could perhaps be distributed as xmas gifts. SR/DE to investigate price for bags. FK to investigate if we could have them embroidered.

SR suggested that more Kelly Kettles forest schools would be helpful. SR/DE to investigate costs.

3. Fundraising – Xmas Fair

JD has this well under control. A stall has been arranged and plenty of pre-orders already received. DE to put message out on the app again if any other parents want to join in on WhatsApp.

4. Fundraising – Lantern Parade

It is confirmed that this will be held on Sat 8th December – exact time still to be confirmed.

HC is organising lantern making and will liaise with SR to organise this in school and with toddlers.

It is also hoped to produce a large, flagship lantern for the parade.

SR to think of a way to choose which child should switch on the lights.

JS to set up a WhatsApp group to coordinate the detail of this event

5. AOCB

It was agreed to raffle Christmas hampers again this year at the Nativity on 19th December. JD to organise a list of items to go in the hampers and requests out to parents. It was agreed that whilst parents would be asked for donations, it should be reaffirmed that this is voluntary and that names would not be associated with specific items.