

## **Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 14th January 2020 @ 7PM**

**Present:** - Miss Hay, Mrs Smith, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Bowman, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Keiller, Mrs Macnee, Miss Hynd, Mrs Marshall, Miss Melloy, Mrs MackIntosh, Ms Jack, Mrs Millar, Mrs Awburn, Mr Liddle

**Apologies:** - Mrs Clark, Mrs Rees, Mrs Mercer, Mr Marshall, Mrs Mowat, Ms Cruickshanks

**Minutes from previous meeting:** - Accepted

### **1. Headteacher Update**

#### **Health & Wellbeing Update**

The sexual health and relationships curriculum is being revised to align with new benchmarks within the Curriculum for Excellence. New resources are under review to update the old Living and Growing materials. The focus will be different so it is important to determine the appropriate stages. The review will take place until Easter. An information leaflet will come home to parents which will advise when topics are due to be delivered. There will no longer be an option for parents to come into school to view videos. Parents will be able to go on-line and review. Life Learning work skills linked with Health & Wellbeing is also currently being updated. Staff are also working on skills for solving problems and facing challenges in life.

#### **Playground Update**

Following on from Mrs Coyle's visit to Kinross the play development officer has agreed to train 10 p6 children to be "play rangers". This will involve 8-10 weeks of training with a view to staff and the children then training others to retain these skills within the school. The first meeting is due to take place next week to determine how this will work.

Mrs Coyle has also been following up with the 'reading shack' – outdoor classroom and has visited RDM who have a structure in place. The RDM structure was built by Lee Walker fencing and is believed to have cost £1,180 so Miss Hay to follow up on a cost estimate with a view to using Parent Council funds supporting this.

A letter will be going out to parents asking for any Lego donations which can be used to create play resources.

Miss Hay is also following up with the council with regards to moving the goals to an alternative area of the field as it is felt they are currently not in the optimum position.

#### **Changes to PKC Financial Policy**

It is the aim of PKC for schools to become cashless. Parentpay is the intended means of all financial transactions. Miss Hay currently trying to determine impact this could have on bakesales, tuckshop etc. As a result of these changes school staff can no longer act in the role of treasurer so Mrs Smith can only remain as Treasurer until the AGM in June.

**Next Fundraising Events (Movie Night and Beetle Drive)**

The technical issues around the PA system have been overcome however 2 new laptops are on order to play movie DVD's so as a result the movie nights are on hold until the new laptops arrive (could be March). The option of holding a beetle drive instead to raise funds was discussed and it was agreed that we would proceed with a beetle drive on the basis it has been a while since we last held one. The beetle drive is planned for Friday 6th March and helpers will be required to set up tables. The beetle drive will be advertised in the Feb newsletter.

**P7 Leavers**

The opinion of the class has been sought and the majority of the class would like an activity such as Ryze, Foxlake or Willowgate. It was agreed that as in previous years £15 per child would be allocated from PTA funds. A P7 group chat will be set up to make arrangements. The possibility of fundraising will also need to be explored.

**2. Treasurer Update:-** Balance as of 14th January 2020 is £4544.86. The profit of £478 from the Halloween disco has now been banked. The Christmas Fair raised £737.43 and the 23 unused advent calendars from the Santa's Grotto were donated to Perth food bank.

**3. Chair Update**

Ms Jack gave advance notice that she will be stepping down from her role as Chair at the AGM in June. As a result no major fundraising events are planned although there was discussion about a scarecrow festival in September which will be discussed further at the AGM.

**4. Fundraising & Events:**

- Beetle drive on 6th March

**5. AOB:-**

Ms Jack and Mrs Smith were thanked for their contributions as Chairperson and Treasurer and all committee roles will be discussed at the AGM.

**6. Future Meetings (all Tuesday @ 7PM):**

21<sup>st</sup> April

9<sup>th</sup> June

All welcome