

## **Parent Council A.G.M Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 @ 6:00PM**

**Present:** - Mrs Swan, Mrs Hepburn, Louise Awburn, Sarah Delo, Ally Millar, Jane Mercer, Sharlene Burns, Mrs Small, Kirsty Young, Katherine Smith, Kim Swan, Kristina Christie

**Apologies :** - Rachel Rennie, Gayle Clark, Claire Cruickshank, Hilary Findlay

**Minutes from previous meeting:** - Agreed.

### **1. Chairperson Update**

- End of term disco went very well
- Positive feedback on the pre-packed goodie bags
- Kings Coronation event was successful
- Busy and successful year for the parent council

Mrs Swan thanked Jane Mercer for her time as Chair Person.

### **2. Head Teacher Report**

- Improvement to the way school uniform is ordered and this makes it much easier for both parents and Mrs Smith in the office. There was positive feedback from parents at the meeting with regards to the communication from the company and the quality of the product.
- Mixed response from parents with regards to the quality of photos by new photographer-Shaun Ward. Feedback at the meeting was that outdoor photos were better. It was agreed that all photos would be outdoor and there would be individual, family, P1, and P7 pupils. He will be asked to return for any pupils absent on the day in March.
- Outdoor improvements continue.
- Internal painting has been completed.
- New calm space has been developed in cloakroom area.
- Vandalism to nurse's shed over summer.
- New P1's and Nursery starts have settled well. Feedback from P1 parents about letters received during summer from buddies was very positive.
- School is continuing to develop writing with Explicitly Teaching Writing and writing through Inter-Disciplinary Learning.
- Staff completed Trauma Informed Practice training-essential for PKC staff
- Whole school is working on Nurturing Relationships programme and all classes are developing calm corners.
- Relationships policy will be developed this year.
- Continuing links with Denmarkfield.
- Nursery staff participating in Outdoor Learning training.
- Over the summer BAM cleared out middle garden. Children will be involved in developing this area with possible designing of new mural with artist being invited in to recreate winning design on wall.
- Applications for House Captains will be opening soon.
- Residential for P7 is in discussions with the possibility of somewhere closer where the option of only going during the day would be possible.
- Learning Journals received positive feedback in the most part. Some parents had commented on not being able to read the work on seesaw. School is looking at how to improve this.

### **3. Treasurer Report**

- Further information in attachments

- Balance is £7429.89
- Profit from fundraising this year was £3155.94
- Ally Millar stepping down and Mrs Swan thanked her for her time as treasurer.

#### 4. Election of Members

- Ally Millar and Jane Mercer stepping down
- Chairperson: Sarah Delo      Proposed: Kirsty Young      Seconded: Kristina Christie
- Vice Chair: Kirsty Young      Proposed: Sarah Delo      Seconded: Jane Mercer
- Treasurer: Kristina Christie      Proposed: Jane Mercer      Seconded: Louise Awburn
- Secretary: Sharlene Burns      Proposed: Kirsty Young      Seconded: Sarah Delo

Committee Members: Jane Mercer, Claire Cruickshank, Jane Guthrie, Rachel Rennie, Louise Awburn, Hilary Findlay, Gayle Clark, Kim Swan, Katherine Smith, Mrs Small (staff member)

Discussion about Constitution and Mrs Swan agreed to contact PKC for a copy so that it can be updated.

Gathered emails and phone numbers so that minutes can be emailed out to committee members before being sent to rest of Parent Forum.

#### 5. AOCB

1. Planting of Cherry Blossom Tree- Mrs Swan to contact Izzy to find out about planting arrangements
2. Class List- PKC have agreed this can be used. Mrs Swan, Mrs Smith and Sarah Delo to meet to organise
3. Trips- feeling from parents on Facebook group is that they feel money that has been fund-raised should be spent on trips/buses for classes to go on trips instead of outdoor classroom. Parents have indicated that they would be happy to contribute to a trip for their child/ren.
4. Jane Mercer discussed possibility of plant simulator if school was interested. She can be contacted for more information
5. Fundraiser ideas- Paint Run, follow up meeting to discuss other ideas
6. Timings of events such as Meet the Teacher and September Parent Contact- parents who are working are unable to attend during school day, Mrs Swan said she would consider the timing for next year. Mrs Swan explained the early contact session was to give parents and teacher early contact to discuss any difficulties or issues as early on as possible.
7. Rag Bag- school receives money per kg for clothes donated
8. Possible Estate Agents will donate £25 to school for local listings
9. Easy Fundraising reminder as this gives money to the school
10. Pre-loved sweaters will be out at Meet the Teacher and Parent Contact for £1.00 donation
11. After-school clubs were discussed, and parents will be asked about ones they can offer to help with.

#### 9. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6pm to discuss fundraising ideas