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Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

Monday 15th January 7pm Online

PRESENT:

Hannah Halsall		Secretary
Gemma Fleming		Treasurer

Carolyn Crawford	Head Teacher
David Bonnar	Depute Head Teacher
Jennifer Dubreck	
Amy Valentine	Rama Bochi

1 Welcome and attendees

As noted

2 Apologies

Received from Saima Saeed and Kirsty McNish

3 Treasurer Report

Attached

4. Matters Arising

Tesco tokens – our opportunity to collect blue tokens started on 15/01/2024. Need to promote this to parents in order to have the best chance of getting the £1500 1st prize.

- Can make posters and display them at the school gates to raise awareness with parents and carers. The School will also help us to promote it through messages on Seesaw and Mr Bonnar will raise it at assembly with the children so there is awareness across the school.

Christmas Fayre – to look at the type of stalls at the fayre as it was thought that there could be more scope for personalised and kids based stalls as these proved popular. This will be added to the working document for the Christmas Fayre.

- Poll parents regarding what day would work best in order to maximise

volunteers.

What to spend the Parent Council money on – make a leaflet alerting people to what the council do and have provided for the school and the school will distribute it with a survey to ask the parents opinions on what to buy. This will be a good way to promote the council and raise awareness.

- Mr Bonnar will check regarding buying ICT equipment as there is potentially a conflict doing so as the budget for doing so comes out of the council rather than the school so there is limited scope.

6. Head Teachers Report

As attached.

- Brian Donnelly will continue working with the school to help with behaviour. He is willing to have more group chats with parents and could do this in an evening if that would have a better take up. Lots of parents have utilised one to one sessions with Brian with regards to their child's behavioural needs.
- The review of Good to be Green has found that largely parents agree with the system and it allows the school to track the behaviour over the whole school year. Some parents expressed concerns that the system is not harsh enough and there is concern that "nothing ever happens" when some children misbehave repeatedly in class. The school are keen to emphasis that there are always consequences and nothing never happens. However these consequences are natural consequences and parents working with the school is the best way to manage the increasingly challenging behaviour all schools are experiencing. Now the school have received feedback from parents they are moving on to consulting the children and staff regarding the policy
- The school are really keen to use the houses to push positive behaviour and feel the children are responding to this. They have ordered a token system which will allow children to earn tokens. /points from any staff member across the school when they witness the child embodying the school values. The new line system has gone down well in particularly at the upper end of the school.
- The school are investigating ways that P2 can be seen in the Nativity.
- The Choir has been very well attended and is proving to be very successful.
- The Playground development is going forward with 5 containers having been ordered – 1 for primary one and the rest to be put into 4 zones. A quiet zone with the container having books, lego and board games, an Active zone with stilts, skipping ropes and equipment for active play, a Ball zone with lots balls of all shapes and sizes and a creative/imaginative zone with dressing up stuff, drawing materials and action figures. The school are looking for action figures from parents. The school are hoping to have it up and running by Easter. They have a parent lined up to secure the containers to the playground. They hope that the new zones will prevent some of the more violent and argumentative behaviour which can spill out as it gives the children more choice and space to do things. It will be a work in progress.

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7. Any other Business

- The spring disco will not have a theme – keeping costs down.
- Summer Fayre – there could be a conflict with getting volunteers as there is the fun day and the disco within a short space of time. Get everything organised as early as possible.