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## Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Online

### PRESENT:

Saima Saeed		Chair
Hannah Halsall		Secretary
Gemma Fleming		Treasurer

Carolyn Crawford	Head Teacher
David Bonnar	Depute Head Teacher
Rama Bocchi	

### 1 Welcome and attendees

As noted

### 2 Apologies

Received from Kirsty McNish, Amy Valentine and Jennifer Dubreck

### 3 Treasurer Report

Attached

### 4. Matters Arising

Will look at alternative gifts for new p1s as less need for book bags due to letters being on Seesaw and ebook trial – ideas include pencil cases and water bottles – Parent Council will source and price options.

Contribution to Arklebury – Saima to check previous years and get in touch with the school - ? paid for the food in previous years.

Tesco – Awaiting the results of the Tesco token count – will either get £1500 or £1000 due to Tesco running a golden ticket which was won by Erskine group.

P1 induction dates – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May – am and pm sessions – Mr Bonnar to email parent council with induction letter to put out on social media.

### 6. Head Teachers Report

As attached.

- Making the most of opportunities in the community to enhance the children's learning.
- Scottish Showcase was very well attended
- House token system has come into place and is being very well received by the children – Viscount won it last term and 7 members of staff and around 70 Viscount children who were in school that day went to Robertson Park. It was very successful and the children really enjoyed it.
- School will feedback results of consultations on behaviour scheme which has been discussed by pupil committee groups.
- Information session tomorrow 1/5/24 for parents/carers in relation to the Sexual health lessons this year.
- Lunch clubs and after school clubs have significantly raised the number of children involved in an extra curricular activity.
- Playground containers have arrived and are getting filled in the coming days for the children to start using – this will be a work in progress as children will take time to get used to them and identify any gaps in the resources.
- Pupil equity fund – survey went out to parents today to get their opinions on how to spend the equity fund and close the attainment gap. It currently pays for a number of things including 2 staff who do targeted interventions, Brian Donnelly who can provide interventions for pupils experiencing barriers to learning, Seesaw subscription and assessments for every class in the school as well as the new e-book trial.

#### 7. Any other Business

- Spring Disco was changed to being a spring rather than valentines disco as thought it might be better but ended up clashing with the football. Was very quiet but did make close to the same amount as previous valentines discos.

- Future of the Parent Council – struggling with volunteers and it is coming down to the wire at events. Ending up running events with the bare minimum of volunteers. Miss Crawford will get in touch with Renfrew High about possibility of pupils getting volunteering hours helping out the parent council at discos.

Cancelled the Summer Fayre.

Currently the shorts and shades disco will go ahead as it is a popular one with the nursery parents bringing their children.

The Parent Council have tried to engage with people over social media, whatsapp groups and through the survey we put out but the council is not growing and this year has been one of the worst in memory for not being able to get help with events.

Parent Council would like to put on other events if that is what parents want but currently cant as it is too much work without the volunteers.

Struggling to find more members of the Parent Council and looking seriously at folding the council if don't get more members by the AGM.

Hannah to put together a letter to go out to parents regarding this.

- Homework – the school have discussed homework with the staff and looked at levels of engagement on Seesaw. The Green print strategy to reduce the amount of copying in the school impacts the ability to give out paper homework. The school can provide blank jotters for parents to help their children do the homework which they can then photograph and put onto seesaw if that helps.
- School will put together a consultation with the parents regarding homework to assess what is the best way forward – to be done either over parents evenings or at the start of the new school year in August.
- School will look into a Seesaw tutorial or guide to ensure parents are able to access and use all the features of Seesaw.
- The e-book trial is to try and find a sustainable way to follow the reading scheme. Miss Crawford has messaged Collins re the lack of accessibility on amazon fire tablets – does have the benefit of allowing the children to go back to books again and again as they sit on their virtual bookshelf.
- Music lessons – cant add any more time for P6 pupils as it is an outside teacher who comes in for 1.5hrs to teach woodwind. There is a choir that meets on Thursdays and the children can join the choir that meets on Thursdays. There will be more opportunities to learn music in high school.