

Straiton Primary School Parent Council AGM by Zoom

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

Sederunt: J. Williams (secretary), B. Connolly (councillor), K. Kidd (chair), L. Candlish (head teacher), C-A. Dunlop (treasurer), L. McWhirter, Isla Hardy and G. Bacon

1 Welcome and apologies

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies had been received.

2 Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of 17th September 2019 were approved by Gerald Bacon.

3 Matters arising

These would be dealt with during the meeting.

4 Updates

Chair's report

Well 2019/2020 – what a year that was!

If anyone had told me when we were sitting in the school on 18th September last year that the next AGM would be on zoom, I would think they had lost the plot. I didn't even know what zoom was!

The year started off in the usual manner with all the normal activities. The children enjoying school work and the extra-curricular activities in the happy and safe environment they know so well. Work continued in the school garden and we as parents and the wider community enjoyed such events as the harvest lunch in October, the soup kitchen in November and of course all the wonderful activities of the festive season.

The start of 2020 saw the Burns Competition and World Book Day amongst other things. Outings and residential trips were planned and being looked forward to.

And then lockdown!

The children of Straiton primary showed their true spirit by continuing to work from home and yet managed a sports day and a virtual residential trip at Lockdown Lodge.

End of term came with a celebration of the year, again with a zoom call. I think this showed how much we still had to celebrate, despite what was going on in the outside world.

On a personal note, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Straiton Primary for everything over the last 9 years. From school shows and coffee mornings to sponsored runs and community gardens, we as a family have enjoyed every

minute of our time with the school and will miss this very much now David is at Carrick. The values and friendships gained will stand him in good stead for the years ahead. As he said in his P7 leaver's speech, it has been a blast!

We wish the school and the parent council every continued success in the years to come and look forward to the time when we are all able to meet back at the school for some happy event.

Thank you!

Head teacher's report

Liz started by thanking all parents for their engagement during school closure and also thanked the staff for their creativity and hard work in terms of delivering lessons and contacting parents. She said that she was delighted to be back full time with children who were safe, healthy, happy and ready to learn.

School roll: there was one new start in P1 and two others in other years. This gives a total of 15 pupils, including early years. There has also been an enquiry from a prospective parent with three children.

Staffing: Emma, Anne and Jackie are all permanent appointments. In terms of teaching staff the entitlement is 2.2 this session.

EYC: Operating all day as per 1140 hours roll out.

SIP: Focus as per 2019/20 with recovery agenda

- **Literacy:** To improve outcomes in reading and writing
- **Numeracy:** To improve children's numerical skills / To build consistency of approach in pupil experience across Cluster
- **Wellbeing, Equality & Inclusion For All:** To create emotionally intelligent children capable of unlocking their greatest potential and own levels of wellbeing / Increased participation in wider achievement opportunities

Lunches: Hot lunches to be served as of today. School lunches are only to be served in the lunch hall. There has been a change of ordering system.

Homework: As distributed and shared today. All precautions taken.

Residential: Following government guidelines no residential trips are possible in 2020. Given the uncertainty it would appear highly unlikely that anything in early 2021 would go ahead. Refunds will therefore be issued and alternative activities will be sought out.

Parental Engagement: Clearly this will be limited but opportunities for shared learning are to be explored.

Parent appointments: Appointments will be conducted via the telephone. These will be in October at a date to be confirmed.

5 Ratification of members: J. Williams, C-A. Dunlop, C. Gilmour, A. and I. Hardy.

A letter will go out to parents who were unable to attend.

6 Election of office bearers:

B. Connolly was asked to conduct the election of officers and the result was:

Chair – I.Hardy, proposed by Jen and seconded by Lesley

Treasurer – C-A. Dunlop, proposed by Jen and seconded by Lesley

Secretary – J. Williams, proposed by Carol-Anne and seconded by Lesley.

The two co-opted members, Gerald and Lesley are both happy to continue.

7 Treasurer's report:

Bank balance brought forward from 2018/19: £831.43

Income: £1461.63

Expenses: £ 2232.62

Balance: £60.44

The deposits paid for the residential trip will be refunded. Liz has secured a grant of £750 to promote maths.

8 AOCB

Nil

Date of next AGM: 21st September 2021

Date of next meeting: 3rd November 2020

Jeanette Heggs 22nd September 2020