

Straiton Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Sederunt: I. Hardy (chair), C-A. Dunlop (treasurer), J. Williams (secretary), A. Hislop (head teacher), L. Forsyth (principal teacher), Councillor Brian Connolly, A. Davidson, M. Hansbury-Brough, E. Robinson, A. and C. Rodger.

1 Welcome and apologies

Isla welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new principal teacher, Lesley Forsyth. There were no apologies.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

3 Matters arising

Gerald Bacon stepped down as a representative of the community and had received a present as a token of his long standing and valuable service to the parent council.

4 Head teacher's report

a) At the end of her secondment Liz Candlish was expected to return to the school as headteacher but this is no longer the case and the post will now be advertised. Mr Hislop would love the opportunity to stay as permanent headteacher.

b) Priorities for school improvement remain focused on science, outdoor learning, numeracy (CPA – maths), literacy (Talk for Writing), health and wellbeing (mental wellbeing).

c) A new sensory space has now been developed within the old office adjoining the lower primary classroom.

d) The new polytunnel will be erected next month and will help form the basis of much of the learning for term 4.

e) The curriculum development days will continue but many will be based on the work of local singer/songwriter Scott Nicol who will be in school to help write a song about our values with the children.

f) School vision, Values and Corporate Branding. After consultation with parents, guardians, staff and pupils the agreed new values for Straiton Primary School will be: Compassionate, Supportive, Positive. The new motto will be: Small school; big heart. The pupils worked with ULK Media to design the new corporate branding for the school. This was shared with the parents/guardians and final feedback was given this evening. Final changes included adding a heart to the tree, thus combining the two preferred logos. There will be a launch event in term 4 which will be open to the whole community.

5 Funds

Balance of funds at last meeting £634.41

Cheque for 592.70 paid to school. (£492 Dumfries House residential and £100.70 leavers' hoodies)
This left £41.71

Christmas Fair stall brought in £177

Christmas Post £120

Christmas Concert raffle £220

Paid out for Santa presents £182.72

Interest added 0.16

Balance at 21/03/23 £376.15

It was decided that the balance of the Fun Day funds would be paid into the PC account.

6 Fundraising

There was lively discussion on ideas for fundraising with the following being suggested:

Holding a former pupils' day

Quiz night

Music night

Hamper raffle

School birthday and hamper (this would need research to find out the date of school building)

Garden produce sales

Open day to view school house

Camping night

7 Correspondence

Nil

8 AOCB

AGM Isla declared her intention to stand down as chair at the AGM but is willing to continue if there are no other interested parties

Carol-Anne also said that she intended to stand down but would continue if no other member showed interest

Jen is standing down as secretary but will stay on as a member.

9 Date of AGM:

03/05/23 at 6pm at the school

Jeanette Heggs 21/03/23