

## **Straiton Primary School Parent Council AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

**Sederunt:** I. Hardy (chair), C-A. Dunlop (treasurer), J. Williams (secretary), A. Hislop (head teacher), L. Wilson (principal teacher), A. Davidson, M. Hansbury-Brough, L. McWhirter and A. Rodger.

### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Isla welcomed everyone to the meeting, remarking that the last AGM had been held in September 2021. Apologies had been received from K. Kidd, E. Robinson and Councillor B. Connelly.

### **2 Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes were accepted as being a true reflection of the meeting.

### **3 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4 Chair's report**

Isla explained that Mrs Liz Candlish, the previous head teacher had been on secondment for the past nearly two years and it had been intimated before that she would not be returning to post. Subsequently the post had been advertised and the interview date was yesterday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Andrew had been successful at interview and Isla duly congratulated him on his success.

### **5 Head teacher's report**

- a) Andrew said that the poly tunnel was now up and Susan Russell from the village had been helping with organising the setting up of beds for seeds. Seeds for salads have been sown and it is hoped that surplus vegetables will be available for sale. More materials are waiting to be built up into planters.
- b) The improvement plan for next year will focus on applying knowledge built up in the classroom to real life situations. Making thinking visible takes what is learned in class and applying it outside.
- c) Accepted by SSERC
- d) The logos have been finalised and areas identified for display.
- e) 1<sup>st</sup> June has been set as the date for the launch of the new values and logo, new school handbook and new policy handbook. There will be a barbecue and members of the community will be invited to come along and share.

### **6 Principal teacher's report**

All pupils have been completing assessments on spelling, reading, active literacy and PASS (Health and wellbeing)

P2-7 completing GL assessments on writing, reading and numeracy while P1 and P7 are completing NSA's on literacy and numeracy.

Everything has been done to make it a more relaxed process with children being made to feel comfortable and only asked to do their best.

After the results are collated the data will be discussed with the school team and used to inform children's next steps and what can be done to support them. This in turn will help to inform the School Improvement Plan.

## **7 Treasurer's report**

Bank balance brought forward from 2020/21	£838.09
Income: Bank interest	0.30
Expenses: Dec-21 Christmas presents	£203.89
Mar-22 Dumfries House	£492.00
Mar-22 Leavers' hoodies	£100.70
	Total
	£796.59
Bank balance at end of 2021/22	£41.80

## **8 Ratification of members**

All parents/carers are automatically members of the parent council.

Gerald Bacon had resigned as a co-opted member at the end of last session.

L. McWhirter agreed to stay on as a co-opted member. K. Kidd and J. Heggs agreed to become co-opted members.

## **9 Election of office bearers**

A. Rodger takes over as secretary

A. Davidson will share the treasurer's post with C-A. Dunlop

With no volunteers or nominations for chair, I. Hardy will stay on for another year.

## **10 AOCB**

Andrew has applied to NCCBC for funding for a team building event for all primary 7 pupils in the Carrick Academy Cluster. Schools will have to match fund.

## **11 Dates**

Date of next AGM: 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024

Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6pm in the school

Jeanette Heggs

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023