

Burra Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting of Burra Parent Council held on Vscene on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 1820 hours

Present: Kay Anderson (Chair)
Denise Duncan (Vice Chair)
Kate Anderson (Parent)
Sam Gibney (Parent)

In Attendance: Suzanne Inkster (Clerk)
Helen Robertson (Head Teacher)

Notice of Meeting

Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies received from Jennifer Nicolson.

Parental Communication

Helen outlined all the ways that the school is trying to communicate with Parents. She emphasised that the Blog was updated and posted on regularly. Class Dojo still tends to be the most popular with parents. Helen reassured parents that all classes would have at least 1 post per week. We will be sending paper letters for the most important things so that no one missed this.

Fundraising

The £2000 in the outdoor fund will be going towards paying for the new "Safe Haven" mural being painted as part of our Anniversary year. It will be designed with pupils in P5-7 during September through virtual workshops led by Jono Sandison. He will do the final design and paint it for us. There is a shortfall of £600 due to increased costs.

A sponsored run/walk/cycle will take place in the October holidays. P7 will plan this and make a sponsor sheet. Each child will get this home in their bag following a whole school assembly.

Grounds

A small group did work on the ground this past week. The pond and tree garden got lots of attention. More strimming is needed and volunteers are sought. We need "free" top soil if possible. Kay to put plea on Facebook. Operation Turrifield coming next week to start plans for growing our own next year.

Covid

Helen reassured the parent group of the actions she would take as a result of a positive Covid case at Hamnavoe. She would call her line manager. They would start a chain of events that would be led by Public Health. The Head Teacher only sends out communications on the direction of Public Health. This would involve a "Warn and Inform" letter. All actions by the school would be done in partnership with Public Health.

Kay thanked all the school staff for their hard work during this time. Helen highlighted the additional work Caroline has to do on a daily basis.

Parents Comments

Nothing further.

School Improvement Priorities

The SIP comes out on September 30th. The targets for 21/22 are:

- Improve writing across the school
- Adapt a Health and Wellbeing tracker
- Continue to develop our Global Citizenship through Connecting Classrooms
- Develop an ICT plan from P1-7
- PEF Funded Target : SEAL maths recovery and TTRS ICT support for literacy

AOCB

Essy Cart is arriving at 8.40am while pupils and parents are arriving. This is deemed quite dangerous. Kay is going to write a letter on PC behalf asking for this to be changed and made later.

Parking on the West side of school still problematic. Kay and Sam to contact Neil Hutchison regarding this again.

Family Engagement night is provisionally booked for February 22nd 2022. (TBC)
Christmas Hamper raffle to go ahead.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 6pm.