

Minutes of Whiteness Primary Parent Council

Monday 11 November 2019, 6.00pm at the School

Present: Jo Breeze, Rachel Colclough, Hannah Burgess, Natasha Clubb, Cllr Steven Coutts, Cllr Catherine Hughson, Angela Seator, Diane Forsyth, Ingrid Pottinger, Susan Jamieson and Marie Grains, Clerk

Apologies: Dawn Smith and Cllr Theo Smith

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Jo welcomed all to the meeting.

2.0 Approval of minutes of last meeting – 9 September 2019

2.1 Jo approved with Rachel seconding.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Rubber crumb: The Tingwall Whiteness and Wesidale community council can't help with the whole £15,000 needed for the crumb but could have some money. £850 has been allocated to us already. Jo has spoken with Andrew Archer regarding the shed for outdoor play and a concrete base would need a new application. It is thought we ask for £2,000.
- 3.2 Rachel said E&H are happy to sponsor outdoor playsuits, could maybe ask them for the concrete base or shed. Catherine to check with Karl, the clerk to TWW, regarding money, Jo to complete the new application for the meeting on 20 November.
- 3.3 Class Dojo: Rachel has spoken with school staff, the general consensus is to use the class blogs. Certain councils are not using class dojos anymore.

4.0 Head Teachers Report

Leadership and Management

- We currently have our full staffing compliment.
- Another member of staff has married over the October holidays. Two members of staff were married over the summer
 - Mrs Hoseason is now – Mrs Mulla
- Bonita Riise has started a new post at Cunningsburgh Early Years. As she was a Modern Apprentice for ELC she will not be replaced.

Learning provision

- Parents, Pupils and staff have worked together to agree the schools Core Values- which will be shared with parents later this week.
 - we are safe; we are learning; we are respectful
- The Pupil Council have carried out a survey on the preferred choices with the new school dinner menu. This has helped Frances and the kitchen staff.

- The Eco Committee have arranged for collection of paper, cardboard and plastics, tins and cans for recycling which starts this week for business premises in Shetland.
- The Health Committee have organised “It’s Cool to be Kind Week” which runs all of this week in school. They are raising awareness of being kind through many engaging activities.
- P7 pupils are continuing to organise the revamped **Golden Time 2.0** and in pairs running the session at the end of Friday afternoons- this is working really well.

Successes and achievements

- P6/7 have completed their 6 week swimming block
- The school and parents raised £413.73 for the Shetland MRI Scanner during the bulb planting coffee morning.
- Calum Clubb and Erin Leask represented the Youth in the community – by laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November.
- The recent Book Fair has been a success resulting in £80 worth of free books for school. Book club leaflets will be sent home next week.

5.0 School Improvement Plan Update

5.1 We have four priorities in the School Improvement Plan this year

- 1) Family Learning – Looking for as many opportunities for parents to come in and work alongside their children to see how they are progressing. We have opportunity at the coffee morning in term 1 and again at the Child Led Parents’ Event in Term 2. During the longer terms (T3 and T4) we will look for more ways to involve parents.
- 2) Positive Behaviour- using PEF money this year to employ Gillian Isbister 2 hours per week. Gillian is working with whole classes, individuals and with the head teacher. We are focusing on refreshing our core values, introducing mindfulness through all classes and creating a revised Positive relationship Charter with a 1 page Behaviour Blueprint.
- 3) School Environment – Almost all school bell have been removed only keeping the 3 that signal the end of a playtime. Most children hadn’t noticed the bell at 1250 had been removed. We then asked the pupils their opinion on the bells and almost all did not want the bells back. Bells to be removed from parents evening. Removing the school balls has created a better calmer atmosphere. Maureen has moved the Brownies/Rainbows cupboard from the GP area to the art room, the GP area is tidy and smartened up.
- 4) RME progression through school using online resource. This will be reviewed in Term 3.

6.0 Treasurers Report

6.1 £2,651.33 in the bank.

7.0 Polycrub Update

- 7.1 New lock has been ordered. Golden time P7's to lead polycrub.

8.0 Future Events: Christmas Concert

- 8.1 The concert is Monday 9 December. Early years and P1/2's concert is at 2.00pm Hannah, Dawn and Angela to help with refreshments and selling raffle tickets. With Natasha, Marie, Ingrid and Diane helping at the P3-7's concert at 7.00pm. Christmas hamper donations to be split between 3 or 4 prizes this year, instead of one huge hamper.

9.0 AOCB

- 9.1 Outdoor playsuits for early years and P1/2 split sponsorship from Jims Garage, Breeze Landscaping and the money from the Weisdale shop Christmas Grotto. Logos to go on the suits.
- 9.2 Discussion about the outdoor shed 10x8m £2,500; £250 for concrete base and £850 from TWW Community Council. A suggestion for E&H apprentice could maybe make the shed, the children could write to them to ask for their help. Hannah to speak with Bridges and Moving On projects to ask if they could help. Diane would like to have a couple of fences, barriers, pallets within the outside play area to contain the loose parts.
- 9.3 Discussion about new i-pads for classrooms, suggested for 2 per classroom. Price of each i-pad £265. It was decided to buy 4 i-pads for the school. Fundraising will be added to the next agenda.
- 9.4 New school lunches, discussion about more waste, the options being better suited for adults etc. Steven reminded everyone to concentrate on the children and not the operational service. At the moment the school is on week 4 then back to week 1 maybe children will get used to the choices and the weeks will become more familiar. The pupil council could prepare a survey monkey for classes to complete. It was noted there was no Christmas lunch on the menu.
- 9.5 Positive feedback for the ukulele group.
- 9.6 Susan can run a STEM club next term.

10.0 Date for Next Meeting

- 10.1 Monday 17 February 2020 at 6.00pm.