**Minutes of Whiteness Primary Parent Council**

**Monday 09 March 2020, 6.00pm at the School**

Present: Jo Breeze, Rachel Colclough, Natasha Clubb, Cllr Steven Coutts, Angela Seator, Diane Forsyth, Ingrid Pottinger and Marie Grains, Clerk

Apologies: Dawn Smith, Cllr Theo Smith, Cllr Catherine Hughson, Susan Jamieson

**1.0 Welcome**

1.1 Jo welcomed all to the meeting.

**2.0 Approval of minutes of last meeting – 11 November 2019**

2.1 3.2 should read complete and not compete. Also Elphinstone & Howarth should be E&H.

**3.0 Matters Arising**

3.1 Jo to speak with Catherine regarding an update to the rubber crumb.

**4.0 Head Teachers Report**

4.1 Leadership and Management

* We currently have our full staffing compliment.
* Mr Summers has been seconded to Sound Early Years until August 2020. Inga Irvine is acting up as Senior Practitioner ELC- for 3 days a week (spread over 4 shorter days)
* Mhari Drozdowska is on maternity leave, Rebecca Laurenson is covering her 2 days a week at Practitioner ELC plus Rebecca is backfilling Inga’s role – Rebecca Laurenson is working as Practitioner ELC for 5 days a week.
* We have three new members of staff in school
* Szilvia Kerr has joined us as Practitioner ELC for 2 days a week and Support Worker ELC for 1 day a week.
* Anita Georgeson and Jacqui Ridland have also joined the ELC team as Support Workers ELC for 2 days each a week. Szilvia, Anita and Jacqui combine to cover Rebecca Laurenson’s 5 days a week Support Worker post.
* Anita Georgeson is the preferred candidate for another post in the authority and leaves us on Friday 13 March, also Szilvia Kerr is stepping down from her Support Worker role on Friday 13 March. Jacqui Ridland has picked up these hours and joins us full time from Monday 16 March.
* Szilvia would also like to step down from her Practitioner role – I am looking to fill this post.
* We have a preferred candidate – Lynne Scott – for the recently advertised 30 hpw Learning Support Worker role. Lynne will be joining us soon.

4.2 Learning provision

* P6/7 and P5/6 have completed their 6 week swimming block.
* All primary pupils had a visit from the Shetland MRI Scanner Appeal to learn about why it is important for Shetland to have its own MRI scanner.
* Turriefield have helped the school Polycrub Committee to plan a planting year to fit with the school term times.
* P6 and 7 had a visit from 365 Writing to inspire story telling.
* P6/7 have completed an 8 week block of Mindfulness with Gillian Isbister.
* Our Child Led Parents’ Event took place in November 2019- Almost all feedback from parents and pupils was positive- this has been shared.
* Early Years and P1/2 had a visit from Greg Bottrill, author of “Can I go and play now?”
* All primary children have had 5 weeks traditional dance instruction.
* Primary 6 and 7 pupils have stared their 10 week block of German delivered by a German specialist from the AHS.
* P5 pupils have enjoyed a 4 week block of bowling.
* Drumming has started for all pupils from Early Years to P7.
* P6 came together to take part in an art project working towards installing art works around Lerwick, with Civic Soup in partnership with Shetland Arts.
* P5-7 pupil have been enjoying some STEM workshops using robots and designing windmills.

4.3 Successes and achievements

* We collected around 25 boxes for the Blythswood Shoe box appeal at Christmas.
* The Polycrub Committee ran an Open Polycrub afternoon.
* Parent helpers created a new Den Building store for the school – which is in full use.
* The annual coffee morning in October raised £413.92 for the MRI Scanner Appeal. We are looking forward to seeing all the daffodils and tulips parents helped their children to plant.
* Early Years and P1/2; P3/4 and P5-7 performed their Christmas Concerts in December.
* Early Years ran a Toddler session again in December.
* Pupils who take instrument tuition performed at the December Music Assembly.
* Early Years visited the Lerwick Up Helly Aa procession and workshops at the Museum in January.
* The whole school enjoyed a School Dance on 7th February 2020
* The whole school enjoyed a visit from the Girlsta and Nesting Up Helly Aa squad in February.
* Four of our P6 pupils won at the Shetland Euroquiz heats and will go onto represent Shetland at the national finals in Edinburgh in June.

**5.0 School Improvement Plan Update**

5.1 Family Learning – Primary 1&2 parents have been invited to come in all week, this is a drop in session to work alongside their child in classroom. Some other teachers are keen to do similar in their classes. Term 3 and 4 better for parents to come in as less busy in school.

5.2 Positive Behaviour – Training with staff. Primary 7 pupils have been asked for their views on low, medium and high severity behaviour and what the consequences may be.

5.3 School Environment – Most of the school bell has been removed. Also keeping the school tidy.

5.4 RME – Happy to continue with progress.  The improvement plan has been updated on the website for parents to see.

**6.0 Treasurers Report**

6.1 £3,152.53 in the bank. The two Christmas concerts raised £592.98. There is £117.43 to spend on the Scholastic website, Marie has spoken with Maureen and has sent an email to the school for all teachers to let her know if any new books are needed. Marie to speak with Sue about paying for the new 4 I-pads.

**7.0 New Lunch Menu**

7.1 The pc to draft a survey for parents and pupils regarding the new lunch menu. Discussion about comments already received from parents. Rachel to ask Neil Beattie how many comments he has received from Whiteness parents.

**8.0 New Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenting Resource**

8.1 Discussion about the new parenting resource. The pc agrees with the school to adopt the new resource. Rachel to email all parents this will be delivered to all classes in term 4.

**9.0 Fundraising**

9.1 Diane suggested the outdoor play area tarmac to have a paint up.

9.2 There is an art display pencilled in for Wednesday 3 June, the pc to help with teas and homebakes from 6.00-7.30pm. Each class to arrange a hamper for an enterprise raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home and made available on the night.

**10.0 AOCB**

10.1 Guidance has been emailed to all schools about coronavirus. Diane said the Newsround tv programme was good for pupils to watch and understand.

10.2 Jo and Marie has met with Rachel to discuss parental concerns regarding behaviour outwith school and in the community. Rachel has signposted the Transport Policy and the Anti-Bullying Policy. Jo will also be speaking with Billy Mycock the Antisocial Behaviour Coordinator of the Infrastructure Department for guidance.

10.3 Maureen can water the polycrub during the Easter break. Also a suggestion was to have pc members help in the polycrub during lunchtimes. Angela and Marie to progress this.

**11.0 Date for Next Meeting**

11.1 Monday 04 May 2020 at 6.00pm.