

Minutes of Whiteness Primary School Parent Council

Monday 08 November 2020, 6.00pm on WebEx

Present: Jo Breeze, Rachel Colclough, Darren Silver, Cllr Catherine Hughson, Hilary Winks, Sheila Johnson, Dawn Smith

Apologies: Cllr Steven Coutts, Susan Jamieson, Cllr Theo Smith, Diane Forsyth and Marie Grains, Clerk

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Jo welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.

2.0 Approval of Previous Minute – 27 September 2021

2.1 Darren approved and Hilary seconded the minutes.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Rubber crumb – Update from Rachel and Catherine- Rachel asked Shona Thompson about the government funding through the recovery agenda and allocation to refurbishing community play parks. Shetland's allocated money may not cover the cost but Shona has reassured Rachel either surplus budget this year or next will be used to look at the rubber crumb for renewal.

4.0 Headteachers Report

4.1 **Head teacher report to Parent Council** Nov 2021

Leadership and Management

- We have a vacant Music Teacher post with no applicants in the first round of advertising. I am waiting for HR to re-advertise this post. In the meantime Janette Couper is covering these hours. Class teachers are delivering music- through singing this term and Janette is covering other parts of the curriculum to give the teachers their non-contact time.
- Maureen Small will be starting her flexible retirement from January 2022. Maureen will continue to work for 22 hours per week. The remaining 15hpw has been advertised. I have been asked to halt the process however, while central officers explore a possible redeployment.

Learning provision

- Pupils wrote to 15 local businesses in October asking for donations to our online auction the parent Council are running. We have 8 responses to this.
- All pupil committees are up and running with meetings taking place at least once a term.

Successes and achievements

- P6/7 have completed their 6 week swimming block
- The class teachers put on a Halloween party for all children last week.
- Children in school received the flu vaccine this week
- Class photos were taken on 5 November
- Some pupils took part in a music assembly in October
- We enjoyed a virtual coffee morning in October- raising money for Macmillan

5.0 Treasurers Report

- 5.1 Nursery blocks have been paid for £2,450.40. The school has received from the Community Council £474 and from parent council funds £200 for the new wendy house. Bank balance on 4 October £401.91. Darren's Halloween quiz sheets raised £122, thank you Darren.

6.0 Grow Shetland

- 6.1 Jo, Marie and Angela had previously run this on a Friday during Golden Time and felt this went well. Would be good to work with the Eco Committee in school – Rachel to find out what part the school would like to play in the Polycrub. Joanna to contact Penny at Turriefield to see how they can support with a view to meet in the New Year and reinstate the group. Darren said it would be fine to involve community members and Rachel said fine for it to be available to help people's mental health and wellbeing if they simply wanted to come and "potter about" in the polycrub at any time. Darren mentioned Connect training he had been on which promotes wider community to get involved in the school.
- 6.2 Joanna, Dawn, Sheila, Hilary would be happy to be involved on the Polycrub committee.

7.0 School Improvement Planning

- 7.1 Priorities being worked through as per plan.

8.0 Future Events

- 8.1 Parents evenings will be conducted over the phone. This will be held on the afternoons of 15, 16 and 17 November.
- 8.2 The Christmas concert will be singing songs shared via YouTube from early Years up to Primary Seven.

9.0 Fundraising

- 9.1 Online auction to go live at the end of November once Monica is happy to go ahead. Deadline for donations is 12 November
- 9.2 Ewan Leask is exploring other companies to donate and will let Joanna know how he gets on.
- 9.3 School has written to 15 companies with 8 responding with offers

10.0 AOCB

- 10.1 Rachel to chase up goals for multicourt and get a price to the Parent Council
- 10.2 Checked in with members about day and time for parent Council meetings- were they suitable

11.0 Date for next meeting

- 11.1 Monday 7 February 2022 at the new time of **6.30pm**. This will be a blended meeting with some members in school and some joining remotely on WebEx.