

Minutes of Whiteness Primary School Parent Council

Monday 7 February 2022, 6.30pm

Present: Jo Breeze, Rachel Colclough, Cllr Steven Coutts, Cllr Catherine Hughson, Hilary Winks, Sheila Johnson, Susan Jamieson and Marie Grains, Clerk

Apologies: Monica Moncrieff, Darren Silver, Dawn Smith, Cllr Theo Smith and Diane Forsyth

1.0 Welcome

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

2.0 Approval of Previous Minute – 8 November 2021

2.1 Hilary approved and Sheila seconded the minutes.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Rubber crumb – no further update.

4.0 Headteachers Report

4.1 Leadership and Management

- We have Lynsay Cunningham covering our vacant Music post on a temporary contract. She is using a music resource- Charanga- that the school has purchased to support delivery of the curriculum.
- Maureen Small and Kay Batterham are job sharing the janitor post. Katy works Monday and Tuesday and Maureen Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.
- We are here to help tab on the school website has been created following the Parent Council meeting on 27/09/2021
- Parents views on upskilling to support learning at home has been sought and a page added to the “We are here to help” tab giving support through video tutorials / facts sheets etc for Literacy, Numeracy and Health and wellbeing
- The school continues to be affected by COVID-19
- Laura Lawson is due back from maternity leave after the Easter break. Recruitment to a job-share partner is underway.

Learning provision

- Pupils from P1 to P7 wrote letters to local businesses asking for donations to the Parent Council online auction.
- Parents Evening went ahead in November with phone calls home.
- Following a survey the majority of parents would prefer a phone call for the March parents evening as opposed to using Parent Booking- an online platform.

Successes and achievements

- P6/7 are involved in the Treoir project- which is an 18 week traditional arts programme delivered by specialists in visual art, music and drama.

- Joe and Isla in P7 laid a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
- The school took part in Children In Need day raising £403.55
- The Parent Council ran a very successful online auction raising £2256.50
- Miss Ross ran a badminton after school club
- The Netball after school club is running again with Kirsten Marcus and Sonja Jamieson. The team took part in their first tournament last Friday.
- We enjoyed taking part in Christmas Jumper day
- Drumming with Joy Duncan is running this term and plans for a Love learning Love Day celebration are being drawn up.
- P3/4/5 have started their 6 week swimming block

5.0 Treasurers Report

- 5.1 The online auction raised £2,268.70, thank you Monica for arranging on Facebook. No expenses, bank balance is £2,792.61.

6.0 Grow Shetland

- 6.1 Turrieffield to come to school for a workshop on Saturday 19 February at 10.30am. Posters to be prepared for the shops and information sent to parents.

7.0 School Improvement Planning

- 7.1 Priority is for the outdoor learning space with the money from the auction going towards the outdoor shelter. Pupils are designing ideas and the school will get a shopping list for resources.

8.0 Future Events: Parents Evening

- 8.1 The Parent Council agreed to go ahead with telephone appointments even if face to face meetings are permitted after the long weekend in February (when local mitigations will be reviewed) - as the turnaround for arranging is too tight.

9.0 Fundraising 'thank you'

- 9.1 As above 5.1.

10.0 AOCB

- 10.1 Magnus Malcolmson to buy football nets as the multicourt is a community benefit.

- 10.2 Marie to buy footballs.

- 10.3 Jo and Marie will be standing down from their positions at the next AGM.

11.0 Date for next meeting

- 11.1 Monday 9 May 2022 at 6.30pm. This will be a blended meeting with some members in school and some joining remotely on Teams.