

Chatelherault Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 16th November 2021

VIA GOOGLE MEET

In Attendance

Laura Tulloch (co-chair) LT, Diane Leiper (co-chair) DL, Daniel Rae (treasurer) DL, Lorraine Archibald (secretary) LA, Cllr John Ross (SNP), Cllr Lynne Nailon (Conservative), Mrs McCann (Head), Mr O'Neill (Depute Head), Ms Burns (Principal Teacher). Parents in attendance - Donna Kane, Elaine Marsh

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting (AGM) were approved.

Parent Council

DL opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, explaining that there would be late-comers due to another meeting (Ardentinny) coinciding. DL updated everyone with the appointments to the Parent Council at the AGM and introduced the new Council members.

Councillor's Report

Cllr Ross informed us that he was awaiting new updated instructions from Tony McDaid, SLC Director of Education, regarding Covid protocols. He also informed us that he was attending a meeting to view budget proposals for next year across SLC.

Cllr Nailon was able to update us on the situation with Neilsland & Earnock woodland and the plans for it to become a local nature reserve. She was also able to tell us about roadworks in the vicinity of the school and the hope that it would help with traffic calming.

Both Councillors were interested to know if the yellow road markings outside the school had had any impact on reducing the speed of motorists. They were unanimously informed that there had been no change in the behaviour of motorists.

Deputy Headteacher's Report

Mr. O'Neill presented his report on the Parent Consultation with regard to the updating and implementation of the RHSP (Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood) programme.

Recap

- There were 5 RSHP Consultation sessions with parents from across the school.
- Good turnout across the sessions was recorded.
- There were a couple of concerns raised but overall, the feedback was positive.
- Letters will be sent out before the more sensitive topics will be taught.
- RSHP resources and materials are available to view on the website <https://rshp.scot>
- It is intended that draft lesson planners will be uploaded to the school website.

Headteacher's Report

Mrs McCann was able to update us with the plans for the run up to Christmas/end of term.

- Christmas Extravaganza - Intended to be outside in the hope that parents will be able to attend. Alternatively to be recorded or live-streamed. Details/confirmation to follow.
- Christmas Jumpers - Christmas Jumper Day 1st December - children allowed to wear jumpers throughout the rest of the month if they would like.
- Christmas Fayre - Again this year, it will only be attended by the children to allow them to purchase crafts etc produced in class. Details to follow in Newsletter.
- Infants/Nursery Nativity - Hopefully being staged outside to allow parents to attend. Alternatively to be recorded or live-streamed. Details/confirmation to follow.
- There is to be an HMIe (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) visit. It will be a full day thematic visit to showcase the school's Outdoor Learning. The whole school will be involved with a focus on Forest School, Outdoor Learning, Eco Group and finding out about the other school pupil groups.
- Thanks was given to the Parent Council for their donation to the Play Friends to buy equipment for the playground.

Supported Classes

Ms Burns updated us on the Early Bird programme.

The next group of Early Bird parents will be due to begin after the Christmas break. Feedback thus far has been positive. There has been interest shown in attending across the school, so much so that there is now a waiting list in place.

Forest School is proving popular and enjoyable.

Parent Council

Update given on finances by DR (Treasurer)

- Due to Covid, limited fundraising activities have taken place.
- At the time of the meeting, there was £1200 available in the Parent Council account.
- Expenses recently incurred included the purchase of books (Santa gifts for Early Years children), Donation to the Play Leaders for playground equipment plus an additional top-up, raffle prizes.

Fundraising

- Enquiries have been made into publishing a school recipe book to be sold for funds. Cllr Nailon was able to offer advice and assistance with regards to this.
- We were reminded by DL that the school is linked up with Easy Fundraising (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>) This enables the school to collect percentage donations in partnership with popular retail sites via their website or app.
- Discussion was made regarding future fundraising activities, taking Covid measures into account. Suggestions included outdoor Shades & Shorts disco and an outdoor Movie Night.

All Other Business

- A poll was placed on the Facebook Group page to find which night was the best for parents to attend future Parent Council meetings (virtual or face-2-face). (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1541016186149909> alternatively search Chatelherault Primary, ASD & Nursery Parent Council on Facebook)
- Thursday was the most popular.
- It was suggested that pupils should be invited to attend and make a short presentation at future meetings. We hope to hear from one of our pupil groups in the New Year.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be -

Thursday 13th January 2022 @ 1830hrs
At this time, it will be via Google Meet

A reminder will be sent out in due course.