**BUCHLYVIE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 29th April 2021**

**Present:** Yvonne Gibb, Kirsten Morrison, Lisa Rourke, Debbie Pirie, Margaret Bennie, Kirsty Waters, Karen Ferguson (minutes), Denise Howie, Susan Beatttie

**Apologies:** Mrs English, Fiona McGuffie, Emily McLellan

**Head Teacher’s Report**

* The school will still have health week but it will be scaled down. There will be a good mix of PE and activities including a fire pit activity.
* Sports day will be on two separate days and will not be announced in advance as parents are not allowed to attend under current restrictions.
* Plan for next year is to continue with two classes (p1-4 and p5-7) with same staff.
* Still waiting on confirmation of SLA time.
* Working on Standards and Quality Assessment. Improvements and their impact will be included. A questionnaire will be put out to parents.
* Will probably keep health and wellbeing and digital learning. Keen to add maths as a focus.
* Scottish Standardised Assessments have just been completed. All agreed that the p1 assessment was difficult.
* Reading programme will change in August. There will be a parent workshop.
* A few children have started Fresh Start to go over reading skills with Mrs Millar
* The intention is to move on to skinny novels as soon as possible.
* Mrs Morrison is working on the transition programme. It is hoped there will be a series of after school activities at Balfron High.
* Planning end of term activities for p7’s.
* There will be four new p1’s.
* The Senior Leadership team will firm up dates when they meet on 11th May.
* Thank you to the parents who helped with repairs in the playground.
* Emily McLellan very keen to assist outdoors and will be put in touch with Mrs Millar. Jessica Langford deals with the garden out with the school grounds.
* Not all children in the older class are doing their homework and Mrs McCandlish has asked for feedback from parents. Mrs Gibb will go over how to access homework in the ext newsletter. Parents looking for clarification on how homework is set. School keen for the children to get used to using a chromebook and getting used to taking it to and from school.

**Chairperson’s Report**

* A request was made for times to speak to the teacher to be extended in to the evening to accommodate working parents.
* Reports cards will be issued in May and another opportunity will be given to talk to the teacher if required. School will try and be flexible.
* A request was made for ‘weekly updates’ email to be reinstated.
* Some wooden furniture needs removed from the school garden. Parents happy to help take things to the dump rather than hire a skip.
* Arnprior Nursey will decant in to the school over the summer holidays due to refurbishment.
* Mrs Gibb gave clarification of toilet use, i.e. a return to a girls’ and boys’ toilet until there are gender neutral facilities. There is a need for separate changing areas. Unable to keep PE kit at school yet.
* Discussion about the possibility of taking forward after school care provision. This needs to be taken forward by a parent body. A parents would have to take the lead as a private business. There are different models for running this.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Lisa confirmed we have approx £2500.
* Mrs Gibb made a request to the Parent Council for some PE equipment.
* Some money would also be useful to buy some technology related to coding.
* Additional Lego would also be useful. Will be using IDL throughout the school until December. Keen to buy IDL numeracy that costs £300 for a year’s subscription. The school will compile a list in order of priority.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 30th September