

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – AGM – Tuesday 13 September 2022

Attendees:

Lee Picken (Chair), Alexa Pope (Head Teacher), Lynne Yellowlees (Deputy Head Teacher), Naomi Barton, Neil Rudram (Treasurer), Serena Broadway, Sonia Rutherford, Leanne Gordon, Stella Robertson, Janet Fussell, Siobhra O'Brien, Dee McIntosh

Apologies:

Poilin Glacken, Vasiliki Pothitou, Sarah Crole, Gillian Smith, Dani Dinwoodie

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTIONS
Head Teachers Report	• No covid restrictions in school and so it is all about the learning. The attainment figures are better than expected. • There are now 1-2-1 iPads for p6 and p7 learners which will enhance their learning experience. • Developing leadership roles across all levels post-covid – fundraising group in p7, p6 are leaders of sustainability, p3-5 are leading on diversity and nursery, p1 and p2 are leaders in play. • Looking at the Juni way and key strengths are relationships between staff and children and among the children. • A big piece of work is looking at the values and visions of the school. • School inspection preparation is under way and staff are under pressure. Mrs Pope asked that the members of the parent council circulate the link again to the questionnaire and encourage parents to complete it.	
Health & Wellbeing Census	• SR provided a summary of where matters currently stood. • SR sought approval from the Parent Council members to send the complaint (which SR had circulated by email prior to the meeting) to the SPSO to investigate the Council's handling and response to the complaint by the Parent Council. There will then be a complaint made to the ICO. It was agreed that the complaint should be sent to the SPSO for investigation. •	
Treehouse Funds	• The school had received approximately £37,000 of funds from NECL which were the funds from the Treehouse After School Club. • AP advising that there had been no Breakfast Club running as there was a staffing issue and AP had made arrangements to provide cover for those families who required it. There were 3 PSAs currently helping to run the Breakfast Club and are being paid from 7.45 until 8.30. This is being paid for out of the school budget. AP advising	AP to provide an invoice for the costs to be paid.

	that this is not sustainable and also asking whether it would be possible for the Treehouse funds to be used to meet the costs of the breakfast club which the school are incurring. There was discussion that the funds were to be used to benefit families at the school and so the costs of the Breakfast Club seemed a suitable use for the funds until the staffing issue was resolved with NECL. • There was discussion around the use of the Treehouse Funds and a suggestion that they are used to make the Wildlife Garden more accessible for all the pupils at the school. • There was also a suggestion that new books are purchased to be reflective / diverse and new novels for class books. Books could be bought for the After School Club or loaned to after school club, • There was also discussion around Bike-ability – investment in bikes and scooters such as a class set of scooters/bikes and tricycles but maintenance and storage would need to be considered further.	
Fundraising Update	• There was a proposal for there to be a Halloween party this year and suggested date of 28 October. LP agreed to take this forward. • Discussion around Christmas Fair this year and a proposed date of 10 December. • A possible movie night in November or early next year. •	
Treasurer's Report	• NR providing the Treasurer's Report for 2021/22 and this was approved by the Parent Council. • There was a suggestion that some of the £37,000 from Treehouse is ringfenced for future maintenance of the playground equipment as the Parent Council have a commitment to meet these costs annually. • NR advising that there is approximately £8,166 in the second account that had been difficult to access. Perhaps the costs of Brew and Blether which are currently met by the school should be met from these funds.	
AOB	• SR raised a matter of greeting cards / postcards being produced of the Juniper Green section of the Colinton Tunnel and whether this would be something of interest to the school. It was thought that this wasn't likely to appeal to most of the school. • Class year reps would need to be confirmed at the next Parent Council meeting.	
Parent Council Committee Positions	• LP's term as Chairperson had come to an end although she had agreed to deal with the Parent Council aspects of the school inspection. • DM's time as secretary had also come to an end. • Noting that in terms of the Parent Council Constitution there only needed to be approximately 5 meetings per year.	

	• NR confirmed that he was happy to stay as Treasurer for another year. • LG putting herself forward as Chairperson and this was seconded by SR and NR. • There were no volunteers for the Secretary role and so it was agreed that this may need to be done on a rota basis by those attending the Parent Council meetings.	
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NEXT MEETING DATE: 7 November 2022