

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 9 January 2023

Attendees:

Leanne Gordon (Chair), Alexa Pope (Head Teacher), Ingrid Donaldson (Deputy Head Teacher), Naomi Barton, Sonia Rutherford, Siobhra O'Brien, Poilin Glacken, Emma Ritches

A number of parents were in attendance

Apologies:

Neil Rudram, Serena Broadfoot, Sarah Crole, Vasiliki Pothitou

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTIONS
Head Teachers Report	HMI Report AP presented feedback on the HM Inspection of the school and the presentation prepared by AP will go on the school website to be available to everyone. The Report as overwhelmingly positive with 5s across the board in the school which had not been achieved by a school in the Council in the last decade and is something to be celebrated. There are some areas that had been identified as next steps which the school had previously been aware of:- • Developing pedagogy in primary 1 and 2; • Further develop the tracking and monitoring system • Chartwells catering – nutritional guidelines and catering for special dietary requirements; ID providing feedback specifically in relation to the nursery a nursery update • The relationships between staff and children and between the children themselves Some practices across the school were found to be sector leading and used as an example. Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Doors	

	AP advising that she would like to use the funds from Treehouse to ensure that the books in school are reflective of society and that children can see themselves in the books. AP advising she would like the fundraising for the year to be focussed on equality and diversity. the books in the school have not been updated for quite a while. Discussing the best way to progress the purchase of books – should the school provide a list of the books they would like or should the PC provide a fixed sum to the school to be used for the purchase of books. Further discussion to be had on this point.	
Health & Wellbeing Census / iPad Agreements / Annual SG Census	• SR provided an update on matters – the matter had now been raised with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, the Information Commissioners Office and Office of Statistics Regulation as well as Education Scotland during the school inspection. • SR had met with MSP and councillors in December and provided them with a demonstration of the email system / directory and they had contacted the council. She had been hoping that following that contact that the council would have made progress on this matter but so far there had been very little and it was now a year since concerns had first been raised. • SR provided a demonstration of the email system / directory to those in attendance at the meeting. • SR advising that children in p2 have an account / email address meaning their data is visible across Edinburgh in spite of their parents not being aware as they had not received logins and AP confirming that this is correct. • SR asked the school to confirm what information is being provided to the Scottish Government on an annual basis regarding the children at JGPS and AP and ID advising that as far as they are aware detailed / child specific information is not provided to the SG on an annual basis. · • SR advising that the next steps for email system are for individual parents to raise complaints with the Council and considering obtaining legal advice. There was discussion around whether legal advice would be sought as a Parent Council or if the nature of the problem would make it impossible for this to be done as an organisation, instead requiring an individual/individuals to progress it. SR received offer of help from attendees and agreed to collate insight from parents with legal expertise. Further enquiries and discussion and agreement with the Parent Council would be required before progressing this matter.	
After School Care	• AP advising that there appears to be more consistent cover in place for the after school club; • The Breakfast Club is now up and running	

Christmas Fair Review	Approximately £3,500 was raised from the Christmas Fair and the feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive.	
Summer Fair	It was agreed that dates for the next meeting would be discussed for the Summer Fair.	
Funding Requests	AP raised whether the Parent Council would consider supporting / providing funds to cover the costs associated with school camp in primary 7. The cost of the coach can be in the region of £1000 - £2000 and AP hoped it might be possible for the Parent Council to cover half the costs of this to reduce the cost overall of camp for parents. AP advised that the Council were looking at the use of coaches overall for camp as buses were returning to Edinburgh earlier and whether there was a more sustainable way to travel to camp. This is a Council wide review so will take some time to be reviewed, considered and actioned. In the short term AP asking if the Parent Council would consider contributing funds.	
Year Group Questions	- Nursery parents had asked about being notified about outbreaks of illness in the nursery and AP advising that there are some illnesses (such as Strep A) which are notifiable and others which are not (eg. chicken pox). - Parking / cars using Baberton Mains Wynd had become more frequent again since the Christmas break and AP advising she will include this in the newsletter again and contact the community police team. - Naomi asked about the recent reminder about school uniform and what the school were hoping to achieve as there were some children still using older versions of the school uniform. AP advising that the real issue is around clothes being worn on PE days not being appropriate for PE.	

NEXT MEETING DATE: 7 February 2023