

# HERMITAGE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

7th June 2017.

**Attendees:** Mrs Jackson, Mrs McMurdo, Gillian Simpson (GS), Ali King (AK), Tamara Milberg- Brown (TM-B), Sarah Gibson (SG), Rhona Black (RB), Rachel Richards (RR).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Laura Vaughan, Ross McArthur, Emma Wilson, Lyn McDonald, Ann-Marie Graepel, Abby Stirling.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes from last meeting circulated.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING.

T M-B contacted a company regarding printed aprons to easily identify parent council members at events. These were priced at £1.99 plus Vat. A sample has been sent to the school. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

RR looked into bags being printed as a fundraising option. A price list is available however it was decided it would be good to see a sample of the quality. RR to action.

T M-B and RB meeting to discuss parent council information to be included in the brown envelope at the beginning of term. School requires this for August.

Following on from a discussion at the last meeting regarding sharing information on the school website and the request from a parent to include a disclaimer, Mrs Jackson is seeking advise from the council legal team.

## 4. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The bank account currently stands at approximately £4400. The main fundraising events this year have been the spring fair £2339, Christmas cafe £1500 and cake sales £1200, with one outstanding.

The account needs to be independently audited. AK agreed to hand books to GS to action.

## 5. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT.

There are currently 2 teacher and 1 part time classroom assistant vacancies which are currently being advertised. SEN allocation not yet given.

P7 will be supporting the open afternoon, running a french cafe and conducting a survey monkey.

P1-6 will be sharing learning sessions, which will be time tabled ahead of the event and sent to parents via the school app.

For the new P1 pupils a story telling session will be run in the imaginative area, weather permitting.

Improvement plan under construction, this will be completed by the end of term and will be on the website in August.

The school has been looking at its vision, value and aims, with the main focus on changing the language to become more child friendly so pupils can relate to them more easily. These have been discussed with the children and teachers collated and condensed their ideas which were presented to the parent council. These will replace the golden rules and will be in the annual planners, possibly with a set of characters, created by the pupils.

Mrs Jackson discussed adding a kilt to the school uniform options. She had already asked the girls in the school for their opinion and as it was overwhelmingly positive, parent council agreed the option should be made available. The current uniform of grey skirt and trousers will not be affected but the kilt will be offered for those who want it.

School commented that the annual cheque from the parent council lottery has not been received. This money helps fund health week. GS to chase up.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

GS received an email from the education authority regarding a consultation on speed limits on roads in towns. The proposal put forward by the Scottish Green Party is to limit it to 20mph. Agreed the Parent Forum will be informed via the website, Facebook and school app and people can respond individually. Constitution.

GS has drafted a new constitution. This is to be circulated around parent council members. Any comments to be sent to GS before the end of term.. The new constitution can then be formalised at the AGM.

Dates for next school year.

Events were discussed and the calendar will be circulated at the start of the term.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE MEETING**

The AGM is to be held on Wednesday, 13th September 2017, at 1915.