

Burnside Primary Parent Council Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 03 March 2021

19:00 for 19:10 start

In attendance: Aman Ahmed, Fiona Adamson, Eugenie Aroutcheff, Helen, Stephen Miller, Carrie S, Councillor Robert Brown, Debbie Connor, Gary Campbell, Paula Rooney, Sarah J, Fiona Midwinter, Fiona Welsh, Heather, Kelly Elliot, Kim Gogarty, Nicola Thomson, Sarah and Richard Tawse

Apologies:

Pamela McCrory, Ashley Little , Julie Hanrattay

- 1) **Attendance sheet** completed
- 2) **Minutes** of the previous sheet approved

Sarah and introduced

3) **Proposed Zoom session run by the talking rooms**

- Cate Smith discusses in school sessions to address stress of covid, would focus around anxiety and stress, with tips on how to recognise stress and help yourself both mentally and physically. Using resources from talking rooms to organise there would be around 500 people and 80 minutes long sessions, we can speak about whatever is requested but it would focus on stress and how to help ourselves.
 - Some people concerned as there's several initiatives surrounding this idea that are free, a webinar makes it anonymous
 - Nicola Thomson asks about coming back into school both adults and children, is pleased with the initiative and asks if it's just for adults.
 - Cate Smith replies that it only specialises in 11+ but there can be sessions for parents, this session with the school would be for parents
 - Cost to the parent council is £180 Fiona proposes priority sign up to allow burnside parents to sign up before anyone else and then open up to surrounding schools
 - Eugenia Aroutcheff asks if it's available to staff
 - Fiona Adamson responds that its open to anyone
- Parent Council vote unanimously
- Cate Smith suggests 7pm time

4) **Funding for this years P7 leavers (one off, exceptional spend)**

- Gary outlines what would typically happen with Primary 7 children at the end of the year, they would have a party and the fundraising comes throughout the year.
- The third term currently unsure about what we can do with P7 as circumstances are changing daily, the children have fundraised throughout the year with toy raises.
- All the parents would be appreciative for any sort of funding to support the end of year hoodies, averages around £20 each and there are 65 primary 7s. Primary 7 photograph last year was funded

by the parent council, the parent council typically purchases the secondary school tie which will happen this year.

- Paula will issue an update to parents in the coming days.
- Fiona Adamson proposes that the parent council give £1500 which can be used for hoodies for primary 7 leavers

Parent Council vote unanimously

- Paula Rooney says £1500 is a considerable amount and should go towards the hoodies
- Debbie agrees with the money going towards the hoodies and states this is the best for the current circumstances.

5) Proposal to fund buses for Lockerbie Manor trip (ongoing spend)

- The trip to Lockerbie Manor may not proceed, need to listen to council advice
- This year and next year two busses would be required to send everyone to Lockerbie Manor, each bus is approximately £700 Parent Council to plan for an additional fundraising activity to fund for the buses.
- Fiona says she needs time to plan ahead for events,organise quiz nights and trivia nights and asks if the Parent Council has any ideas to pass onto Julie.
- National parent webinar is tomorrow night for primary 4 to S3, around 1 hour in length, interesting information presented.

6) Head teacher update - Helen

- Huge thank you to parents and staff for their tremendous positive response for P1 to P3 pupils returning.
- Currently focusing on becoming settled and getting back to routines, whilst assessing gaps and next steps for learning.
- P4 - P7 returning back to school on March 15th from 09:05 to 15:05 an update will be issued next week.
- Updated risk assessments information will be going on the app, public health says anyone that is a close contact must be tested and follow the guidelines, children are to be tested if necessary.
- Previously did not allocate children having their own seats during lunch time, but the school is now being asked that children be allocated specific seating as there's a lot of scrutiny around a positive covid test.
- There are seating plans in every classroom in case of positive test and having to examine seats for track and trace
- Catchment numbers for P1 are down by $\frac{3}{4}$ which is similar in all the schools within the community, there are a large amount of maternity leaves that will need cover.
- At the moment there are 32 definite Primary 1s and 65 children leaving
- There will be a change for a depute in school or we may lose a depute role.
- P7 transition continues and the school is liaising with Stonelaw
- The remote learning feedback questionnaire closes this friday
- Pupil questionnaires will go out this week via google classroom, staff will make them available and parents will be alerted, we are urging P4-P7 children to complete in google forms.
- The school is planning to set up a teacher/parent brief chat for 5 minutes,there are lots of logistics that need to be arranged, the staff greatly value a face to face meeting. This will be an opportunity for teachers to update parents for learning up until christmas. We are asking parents if they would like the call/discussion to take place in the last 2 weeks before we stop for Easter as it is a complex process for 14 classes. The school will make parents aware as soon as possible of the day however we have to allocate a time that can not be changed.

- World book day will be celebrated on Friday, we are happy to see children dress up as a favourite book character but it's not necessary.
- Debbie Connor asks if there's a possibility to delay the call/chats until after Easter.
- Helen responds that they will be before Easter as this is best for staff and there are logistics to consider, we will try to get dates out as soon as possible, and ensures that if anyone needs to talk there are always calls available.

5) AOCB

- Fiona Adamson asks how the lateral flow testing is proceeding
- Helen replies that there adjusting and it's reassuring, The staff test on Monday and Wednesday evenings
- Fiona Adamson says that South Lanarkshire is requesting asymptomatic testing
- Fiona Welsh shares that music tuition has resumed with Mr Gammy online in either individual lessons or small groups
- Eugenie Aroutcheff asks if there is any chance for growing activities such as gardening and is sharing growing kits with the school, should start planning soon as harvest season is approaching.
- Helen says that it's a great idea and there's plans for multiple outdoor activities that work with each class and a planter, don't want to miss the opportunity as it can be done outdoors and is a fun opportunity, will get a risk assessment.
- Robert discusses money coming from the government and that there should be no change with the deputy head role.