

# Burnside Primary Parent Council Meeting

## Zoom Meeting

Monday 26 April 2021

19:00 for 19:10 start

**In attendance:** Aman Ahmed, Fiona Adamson, Richard Tawse, Helen McGarvey, Carrie Stroud, Stephen Miller, Julie McCaskill, Debbie Connor, Pamela Dick, Kim Gogarty, Susan Summers, Ashley Little, Fiona Welsh, Colette Bell, Julie Hanratty, Holly Belcher.

### Apologies:

Fiona Midwinter, Cate Smith, Ross Kirkwood, Gary Campbell.

**1) Attendance sheet** completed

**2) Minutes** of the previous sheet approved

### **3) P7s Leavers Update**

- Hoodies ready to give to P7s. Managed to get hoodies for £850, with extra money left over that can be spent elsewhere. Helen says there's no update until early May but should organise plans that can be later tweaked.

### **4) Head Teacher Update**

- Big thank you to the parent council! Planning on giving hoodies to P7s next Friday during assembly.
- Jackie Hale joins the school in the Office. PC extended their welcome to Jackie! - Joanne MacLean has extensive school experience as a school support assistant and will join the school within the next two weeks.
- Car free zone planning will go ahead next academic year - further update to follow. - No changes in school with covid 19 procedures, PE can now take place indoors but with no contact.
- It might be possible to plan some class excursions, a day trip sometime during May for P7 pupils is being considered (Lockerbie Manor TBC)
- Photographer coming in for class photos.
- Next year's classes have not been finalised as yet.. Council says by the end of May parents will be contacted about their placing requests. No information about placing requests at the moment, next year's classes will be settled by June.
- Brief visits with starting P1s, a child and a parent.
- Burnside Butterflies log has been moved to google classroom.
- P7 transition there's currently no information around visits.
- Teacher parent phone calls went very well, tricky to plan but worthwhile. Changed to written reports they will eventually become shorter but more evaluative.

- Google classroom questionnaire results - 117 responses, 87% parents reported that google classroom is easy to use. 97% reported the school has been very useful. Vast majority of parents believe learning has been clear and useful. 25% of parents believe that some tasks have been challenging for children. Majority parents agreed that support materials were useful and there was high quality feedback from teachers. Parents believe that teacher videos and live interactions were the most useful and best for children.

### **5) 50/50 Club**

- Ashley will continue to run the club.
- Over £2000 earned with some money going to the Parent Council.
- Ashley Little says they could advertise better.

### **6) Future Fundraising Ideas**

- Julie McCaskill says a quiz night could be straightforward to do. Events are typically at Cambuslang Rugby Club as it's close for people locally.
- Ashley Little says Tribute Bands were good for fundraising. Possibly do one for children and adults.
- Carrie S says that a quiz is a good idea to meet other parents and get to know others, building relationships.
- Fiona Adamson says that all fundraising requires volunteers. Can also encourage the new parents to support more with all the ideas and plans. Fiona says that a list with all the work and tasks could be useful to get other people involved. Currently have no-one to help with discos.
- Ross raises the idea about end of term small gifts or presents for children. - After the term ends there will be £7000 left that can be used to start of next term. - Helen suggests family treasure hunts.
- Possible to get an ice cream van to give children ice cream. Costs to be discussed. - Fiona W asks if we put aside money for class excursions. Helen says that excursions will be discussed mid May but there may still be limitations.
- Helen suggests that the Parent Council can fund the children's first excursion next academic year (normally find the second of the 2 planned trips) Approved.
- Ashley asks for guidance on uniform expectations. Helen says that they will start to encourage full uniform but this may change, there's been no information at the minute but parents will find out soon. Ashley Little says that parents would like clarification on uniform requirements asap to allow for budgeting, etc.. Helen says that they will continue to think about it but they are expecting that this will move forward, information will be released to parents soon.
- Fiona Adamson says that they should do a uniform exchange with all the unworn uniforms this is to be further discussed. Pamela Dick suggests that it can be an environmental push, encouraging climate care. Helen says that the aim is for full uniform from August.

### **7) AOCB**

Kim Gogarty, along with a number of other council members, will be stepping down as their children leave Burnside Primary.

Kim currently holds the office of Treasurer so a replacement is required.

Susan Summers has volunteered to take over from Kim as Treasurer - Susan was nominated by Fiona Adamson and seconded by Debbie Connor. A handover will take place

in the coming weeks.

**Next meeting : Monday 7 June 7;00pm**