

**Minutes of Burnside Parent Council
Wednesday 9 December 2020**

In attendance: Richard Tawse, Fiona Adamson, Helen McGarvey, Eugenie Aroutcheff, Ashley Little, Councillor Robert Brown, Debbie Connor, Fiona Midwinter, Gary Campbell, Julie McCaskill, Kelly Elliot, Kim Gogarty,

Apologies:

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

PVS license paid
400 selection boxes paid and in process of being wrapped
£30 per class send
Photographs to be emailed to put on facebook

3) Report and Upcoming Events

New Clerk Introductions
Done and introduced

50/50 Club
177 tickets sold at club - great
Gives £1162 to parent council - prize fund of £18.50
Prize draws done

SLC Parent Forum
Last update mainly surrounded covid response, lots of questions around what's being done to make school safe, tension surrounding, overall message that schools are on top of things and are being vigilant, lots of public health updates. Message to parents that schools are working tirelessly and cases are being dealt with swiftly.
Some believe children are safer in school than out of school. Questions about temperature in classrooms - windows should be open all day, airflow is key. SLC is appealing to the government about basic approaches surrounding school. Questions about when staff will be vaccinated. Question about home learning should children be outside run up to christmas? No.
No change in breakfast club situation. Council support for teachers who are stressed - reducing contact with public health over christmas, head teachers have been told they will not be contacted on Saturday.
102 additional members of staff going to school, hopefully a priority in January.

Food drive/Collection
Incredible. Big thank you to school community, 4 car loads and there will be a final collection this week.

Christmas Plans
Children receiving collection boxes.

Parties going ahead, question - What can be done for teacher gifts? Not saying no, there's procedures in place, teachers will quarantine gifts, a letter will be released- words to be clarified, will be released on the school facebook page.

Children's gifts will not be exchanged.

Covid Response update

School response - it's different depending on when we are alerted we find out about a positive case via email or telephone. Firstly contacting the parent, answering questions about the child and asking about symptoms, asking questions around testing, parents have been wonderful.

Head teacher calls and then a risk assessment is submitted - very comprehensive, with personal details, dates of symptoms and testing, if the individual has been in school during infectious period - 48 hours prior to symptoms appearing- the risk assessment is submitted. If they have not been in school, then further work is done for example looking at timetables and movements. Risk assessment goes to education and health - decision is made by them, then a follow up discussion is done looking at the assessment.

Health provides the school with a general letter that confirms case- very helpful- and a letter that is specific to close contacts. Letters take up to 2-3 hours and the head teacher then contacts parents who are affected.

If a case is identified out of school hours then the same process is done. Asked about what arrangements were for lunch- Do children have individual seats? Leads to uncertainty and appears hard to determine what children are at risk and what are not. Children telling teachers there are excited for sleepovers, playdates and family coming around. Cases are not being transmitted in school, there are lots of measures in school, the risk is greater outside. Nicola-very impressed and pleased with school and the measures in place.

4) Head Teacher Update

Unable to do reverse advent calendar events.

Happy to support Rutherglen and Cambuslang foodbank, toy collection going well, December diary dates are out.

Mrs Lindsay (room 5 official class teacher) looking forward to returning to work and will work alongside Mrs McCavoy, nice to see instrumental music service -children enjoying it.

P1 enrollment week is 18th January, SLC working on an online system the forms will go live on the 11th of January then continuing from there.

Instrumental music service is for Mr Gammys classroom, Room 9 had issues with music service but is fixed now

5) AOCB

Question raised on whether the next parent meeting will be on zoom - probably, strict on doing things online if possible, planning for the best.

6) Date of next meeting: Monday 1 February 2021

Merry Christmas and have a very healthy and Happy New Year!!