

Meeting of Papdale Parent Council  
Monday 25 November 2019 at 5.30pm

In Attendance: Joanne Tait (Chair), Ruth Drever, Wendy Bowen, Tracy Linklater, Jos Tulloch, Nicola Reid (minutes).

*Note: The meeting is not quorate as per our constitution but as there are no decisions requiring a vote on tonight's agenda it was agreed to continue with the meeting.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Tanya Blowfield, Paula Craigie, Lorna Robertson, Katie Croy, Craig Spence, Kevin Balfour.

**2. Minute of Previous Meeting (7 October 2019) & Matters Arising**

Fundraising - Joanne contacted Tesco who have advised that we are unlikely to get a place bag packing until well into next year (2020).

Nicola will check whether the Tesco Bags for Change has re-opened for applications.

The Shopping night was a huge success and raised the amazing total of £1,846.77. We will put this back on the agenda at a future meeting where Katie & Lorna are present so we can discuss feedback.

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Joanne Tait, seconded by Ruth Drever.

**3. Head Teacher Report**

Wendy delivered the following report:-

*Thank you!*

*What a super night at the shopping night was had! Another amazing total and it was lovely to meet so many folks during the night.*

**Staffing**

*Jo Hill will return to school after Christmas*

*All Support for Learning Assistant vacancies have now been filled which is brilliant.*

*Joyce Gray now works Mon-Wed and Thur-Fri is now filled by Shona Garson*

**Support For Learning**

*Focus for SFLT this term is to continue to provide support for those that are not full time in class. However some SFLT has been given this term as a focus for language support. Mrs Dufort is also providing additional support. Mr Miller continues to focus on EAL pupil part time, this work is having a positive influence on the pupils.*

**Pupil Equity Funding**

*Funding is being spent in line with agreed priorities. We need to begin to consider what we will spend PEF Funding next year on. Parent Council should be more fully involved in this.*

**In-service day**

*Pivotal*

*Dylsexia Friendly Schools Refresher*

### *Relationships Policy*

*Pivotal training was really well received across the council and now KGS are going to all be trained in Feb.*

*The Parent Forum Meeting was well attended – 8 participants this month. Good feedback from parents it was also clear that there is a need for clarity in regards to our relationship policy.*

### *Children in Need*

*The trimmed back version of this event went really well with another incredible total, many thanks to the P7 staff!*

### *School Improvement Plan*

*We continue to work with our policy of raising attainment in writing and reading. The reading project x code has been purchased and now being used. This has been well received by the pupils.*

*Our predicted levels of attainment for June are in some areas less than our targets. There are several reasons for this and as a staff we will be working with the whole team on how to raise attainment further.*

*Priority 2 – Learning Journals – this is proving to be tricky to implement but all staff by the end of November should have written an observation for all children in writing. Further staff development is occurring in December, a parent guide will be sent out following this to let you know what our reporting system for the year will look like.*

*Priority 3 – PT SFLT is working with staff and pupils to develop targeted learning in the Pitstop following the use of Boxall Assessment. Our relationship policy is being developed.*

*Priority 4 – Early Level this is progressing well but we are constantly evaluating our practice. Our Book week encouraged parents to come in which was well received.*

### *Head Teacher News*

*I will send out another copy of this to update the whole school community on our major developments.*

### *Friday Forums*

*These are being attended pretty well with numbers increasing. The next event is the 29th November Internet Safety meeting but we plan to also re-run this for those that cannot attend in the morning.*

### *Musical Coffee Evening*

*Date still to be confirmed but I have suggested Thursday 5th Feb 2020. Could parent council supply coffee/tea/perhaps some stalls?*

### *Christmas*

*Preparations are well under way. Staff in P3 and P2/3 are doing the Nativity play this year, P1-2 will continue with Christmas Songs. We will also attend the cathedral. All dates should already have been sent home. Strictly and Christmas parties will all feature.*

### *Nursery Refurbishment*

*Plans have been submitted to the OIC for Planning consent and have to be passed by the Care Commission, more information to follow regarding how we will make way for the refurbishment to begin. There has been discussions with Peter and Cath Diamond.*

#### **4. School Discos**

Thursday 30 January and Thursday 28 May 2020 have been provisionally booked with Lee from Party Funtime. Wendy asked if we could possibly reschedule the May one as it clashes with staff training. We will ask Tanya to contact Lee and book a different date for May. Wendy will advertise the dates in the staff room so we can get some teacher helpers.

#### **5. Parent Council Night Out**

Friday 24 January was suggested for a meal and drinks. Nicola will contact Helgi's to check availability and book for 7pm if possible.

#### **6. Christmas Crackers**

The school Christmas Dinner is on 10 December. Shayron clarified by e-mail that Christmas crackers will not be provided to packed lunchers on Christmas Dinner day. The parent council will fund Christmas crackers for these children but we think they should be the same crackers as the rest of the school. Wendy will contact the kitchen to see if extra crackers can be ordered which we will fund. Alternatively, if we can find out where the crackers are purchased, we can order more of the same.

#### **7. AOCB**

##### **Extra Meeting**

Wendy asked if we could fit in an extra meeting in January to finalise plans for the music concert/coffee evening. It was agreed we would do this on Monday 13 January 2020 at 5.30pm. It will be a short meeting as it will only look at plans for the music evening and finalising disco plans.

##### **Positive Body Image**

There have been various reports of P4-age children worrying about their weight and body shape. Could something be covered in class about this? Wendy took note and will discuss it with teachers.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 25 November 2019 at 5.30pm.**