

Parent Council Meeting

Monday 25 April 2022 at 7pm

Virtual meeting: <https://meet.google.com/zsq-wikv-vfx>

- Present: Lynne Spence (Chair), Ruth Lea (secretary) Lesley Bews, Katie Croy, Ashleigh Gillespie, Inez Thomson, Elaine Bain, Dawn Williams, Dawn Stanger. Wendy Bowen (Head Teacher), Stephen Burnett (School Business Manager),

Apologies from Joanne Tait

- Agree draft minutes – 17 January 2022. Approved with correction to title and fundraising
- Any other relevant business (not covered in the agenda) – non identified
- Matters arising
 - World Book Day - 3rd March – General discussion with feedback and outstanding issues. Designed a character on a wooden spoon/tattie etc or a box in a jar/box was well received. Many entries, with extended thanks to local artist Laura Leonard who judged the competition. New library books were launched in the school library from the sponsorship from Miles in May. Reading stars and sponsorship available to all classes and nursery, to be gathered in and to produce certificates. Short Stories were completed and prizes of rosettes agreed, to be judged by parent council, prize giving on the 6th May at whole school assembly. Book nook – going really well. Still need to supply books. Elaine and Lynne sorting out book nook each week.
ACTION – Parent Council
 - Photos and bios for website/school – need to update information for on the board. Requested these be supplied by 10 May 2022
- Financial update – Katie Croy paid for the new library books. Katie arranging and sorting out systems for the accounts. All financial information is now with Katie with the plan to submit 2 years of accounts together. New signatories are now submitted to the bank for Dawn, Lisa and Lynne. Thanks to everyone involved and completing this paper work.

Steve Burnett spoke about the financial issues and challenges.

Match funding (covid recovery funding) – approaching 2 local private businesses but nothing yet. Match funding sought for the sensory room and funding for technology in the school will be looked at after the

school inspection. He also highlighted the rising cost of energy and the impact of this on school; iPads – coming to end of their life. Need to factor in support for technology which will present challenges going forward. Lots of ideas to think about for raising funds but needs to be in a planned way.

Financial constraints – discussed financial pressures on school and Wendy asked if we thought asking children to bring in their own pens and pencils was reasonable. The majority view was that this was fair (with a number of parents commenting that their children already did this) Identified that the parent council could support making up some pencil cases for those families who might find it a challenge to provide. **ACTION** – the school to put out consistency messages around what the children are expected to bring.

•Headteachers Report – appended

- Calendar of events for the rest of the year - school / parent council. Discussion took place around sports day, to be in year groups but parents could watch, to be arranged from 20th – 24th June.

- Education and Wellbeing Fair - 4th May; reading/writing and drop in, with a range of services who can provide support and help to parents /families at Papdale. Parent council to have a stall, help with tea and coffee along with Wellie Exchange and Top Shop; **ACTION – Parent Council**

- P7 Leavers Plan?- The Children have been asked but no clear plans yet. Thinking maybe a disco for the P7s in the last week of term will need assist to run it; class photographs – p7 photo booth at the disco; full plans to be arranged – and the school noted that parent helpers available to support any plan. Wendy will discuss with Michelle Dufort and P7 teachers to get a plan together and keep the parent council involved. **ACTION – School and parent Council**

- Communication Plan

- Discussion and agreement on way forward. **ACTION – NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION AND WORK**

- Parent Forum Questionnaire – to be put out separate from school questionnaire. To date there was 79 returned, with the preferred method of communication SeaSaw App. For this to questionnaire to close before Parent Council Opens. **ACTION – FINISH QUESTIONNAIRE**

- Fundraising

- Fundraising plans for year ahead – to ensure it is linked into the schools needs along with being mindful of making activities equitable and accessibility. To ensure we offer a range of activities, not just fundraising. **ACTION – FURTHER DISCUSSION NEEDED**

- Next meeting date –
13 June 2022 – main agenda item p7 leaving activities ;
05 September 2022 - AGM