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Approved Minutes - Parent Council Meeting

Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm

Virtual meeting

- Agree draft minutes – distributed late so staff please read and any comments or changes please make to Chair or secretary.

- Any other relevant business (not covered in the agenda) – none identified

- Matters arising
 - **World Book Day 2022**- On reflection this has been transformative for the school and fantastic initiative for the school, pupils and families. Competition was very positive. Really sparked a love of reading and engagement. Inspectors were very positive about the feedback. The selection of activities has been very worthwhile. Money raised £129.00 plus sponsorship for Reading Stars: £701.20. Lesley is arranging certificates for all children involved in the Reading Stars and will be handed out in school assembly on 28 June.
 - **Book Neuk** – It has been well used and enjoyed by the whole school. A discussion took place around closing it before the summer holidays. However, the school are keen to keep it going, therefore a sustainability discussion took place. Agreed to expand to magazines, to keep requesting good quality children’s books. The restocking and tidying to be handed over to the P7s. Elaine has created a job description so any interested children could be interviewed. Designed Job Description handed over to the school. Parent council will be happy to support.
 - **Inspectors visit** – Lynne thanked everyone who attended on 07 May 2022. The inspectors were impressed by Parent Council. Final report received by Wendy this morning. Positive in the main, they were impressed with the nursery and the target to improve transitions. Covid strengths were acknowledged. They were impressed by family room and Support for Learning assistants, with strong links with partners along with the inclusive approach, soft starts and successful covid mitigations. However wellbeing needs attention and managing emotions along with a consistent and clear “Papdale” approach and children support plans needs to be reviewed. Plans to refresh vision, values and aims and statement. There was also concern about how pupil information was being stored. They have moved away from using glow and cMys for child protection

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and wellbeing. Pleased immediate action to increase PE hours. and increased awareness in safeguarding/neglect and being more proactive.

- **P7 leavers** – Been a positive meeting between the school (Head Teacher, Lead for P7 and Business Manager) and parent council to discuss ideas and planning. Agreed P7 Disco – with Parent Council arranging food, music, invites, banner, fun items for photographs and parent helpers School arranging photo booth. Big Day Out at Rendall Hall Wednesday 29th June, parent council to serve lunch of hot dogs, ice-cream and fruit ad call for parent helpers. School Arranging buses and activities.
- **Health and Wellbeing Fair – 04 May** - Thanks for everyone who came to help. Nice to see different services. Parent Council did an ideas board on what the school should do more or less off. It was good to see lots of people and interact in parents. The welly exchange was successful and the Top Shop which has been refreshed went well. Wendy also thanked parent council along with the different agencies. It was a positive event and good piece in the newspaper. Made a real material difference to families with something to build on in terms of support and another event. The Parent Council will continue to keeping the Top Shop tidy.

- **Financial update** - Katie has been working hard to make it a better system including tidying up the accounts. Been a challenge to change signatories but now all paper work submitted to the bank. To plan to remove old signatories. All books are up to date and clearer financial records have been created. The Accounts do need to be signed off at year end.

- **Headteachers Report** – Report cards out on Friday, Wendy thanks the Parent Council for their input in a clearer information. It has been a challenging year with the impact of covid positive teachers and staff. There will be continuous reporting in next year. Starting to think about parents evening and if online or in person or a mixture of both. A discussion took place if parents evening best placed in October and June. It was decided October was better, as any issues could be highlighted quicker. The school is planning open afternoon for parental information exchange. Changes in personal with staff and probation teachers. The parent Council welcomed the schools plans to have all class details out by the end of this week. The only current planned change was P1 – 2 and P3 -4 changes. There are also plans around learning groups. The end of term is going to be busy but fun with lots of P7 activities and end of term assembly. There has also been sports days and the Jubilee picnic – what a lovely weather and the kids have a lovely day! Thanks from parent council to be invited as part of the jubilee picnic, it was fabulous. Thanks from the school for all the support from parent council.

- **AGM** – 05 September 2022. Treasurer will not be continuing nor secretary as both their children leaving Papdale.

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- **Plans for next year – 2022/3.** To think about priorities of the Parent Council and additional cots to the school day. To be aware of the Scottish Attainment Challenge and Pupil Equity Fund. We need to ensure high quality learning and equality with a consistent whole school approach. The Parent council should be in the center representing the voice of all parents and carers.
- **Questionnaire** – School questionnaire has gone out, but no questions about the parent council as left too long. To arrange a separate Parent council Questionnaire.
- **Sensory room** – Steve has the list of items and costings and will forward them on to Lynne. To look at any match or additional funding.
- **New books** - Mrs Pinner has list of additional reading books. To be arranged.
- **AOCB** – Steve discussed equity and future for school trips – he raised the issue regarding school trips including practically risk assessments and also budget planning. The p7 residential to Lagganalia is planned for June 2023 after exploring the Hoy option but it is not large enough therefore would need 3 separate groups. While Lagganalia can take everyone together. The Parent Council gave reassurances around it will be mindful of the additional costs and ask of parents. A meeting with Steve and Lynne to be arranged around how can we ensure there is not the financial barrier.
- **Meeting cycles-** Discussed, after the AGM a planning meeting would be useful to plan activities and priorities within the school improvement plan.
- **AGM 5th SEPTEMBER – EVERYONE WELCOME**

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