

Dunvegan Primary Parent Council Minutes

<p>Date: 1st June 2021</p> <p>Time: 4pm online via Google Meet</p>		
Agenda Items	Minutes	Action
<p>1. Welcome, Apologies and Thanks</p>	<p>Present: Anna Campbell (Chair), Vicki Parfitt (Head), Mali Messent, Lucy Salter</p> <p>Apologies: Catherine Matheson, Marion MacGregor, Corrie Roberston</p>	
<p>2. Minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<p>The minutes from the meeting held on 4th May were checked and agreed to be accurate.</p> <p>Proposed: AC Second: MM</p>	
<p>3. Actions from previous meeting</p>	<p><u>Attendance at PC meetings</u> - There were apologies from staff who were having their Covid jabs at this time. Another disappointing turnout was discussed, as a Facebook poll had been undertaken to gather parental ideas for the best time to hold a meeting (hence the earlier start today) and other barriers to attendance. It was suggested that keeping up good communication on Facebook and sharing the PC action plan might help parents to see the ways in which they could help with the PC in practical ways.</p> <p><u>Passivhaus research</u> - LS emailed the manager of the Rockinghorse Nursery in Aberdeen to find if they had any comments about the practicalities of using this type of building in an Early Years setting, but hadn't yet had a reply.</p> <p><u>School week structure</u> - Parents voted (via a Facebook poll) for the school week to be kept at 5 days rather than 4.5</p>	<p>MM to type up outdoors action plan to highlight how parents can help</p>
<p>4. Finance Report</p>	<p>MM gave her finance update. The PC account balance stood at £2245.25 on 9th April. There has been no income or expenditure this month. £440 will be going out to cover the P7s trips to Whitewave and ACE target sports over the coming weeks.</p> <p>MM is to order a card for the account to allow for online payments to be made.</p>	
<p>5. New School Project</p>	<p>An initial consultation was held at the school to showcase the plans for the siting of the school building, MUGA pitch and new housing development. This was well attended during the</p>	

	<p>day, with the architect running the event reporting that comments were largely positive from attendees, who have been asked to complete comment slips or comment online. AC has drafted a letter to Donna Manson and Margaret Davidson on behalf of the PC, thanking them for the progress with the new demountable units & highlighting the need for the new school development to press ahead asap. MM will ask the Dunvegan Trust to also send a letter of support.</p> <p>There will be an online meeting on 14th June between the HC and stakeholders, when the findings from the consultation will be discussed.</p>	
<p>6. Parent Council Projects</p>	<p><u>Seed Calendar Art Project</u> - MM will contact the artist and fix a date/dates for August for this project to go ahead.</p> <p><u>Outside shelters</u> - Martin Fozzard (the school janitor) will remove the bike racks to allow the shelter to be re-painted and benched added for seating. AC will contact a plumber to check that the pipework can be removed, and find out if local builders merchants will donate materials. A working group of parents will be invited to meet during the summer holidays to clear the shelter out & spruce it up ready for the start of the new term.</p> <p><u>Polytunnel Project</u> - A group of parents will need to meet during the school holidays to erect the polytunnel, which is being delivered at the start of July. AC will contact CM to find out what will be needed to do this, and to erect raised beds inside the polytunnel for classes to use.</p>	<p>PC to meet at 4pm on Friday to look over site for polycrub & shelters.</p> <p>AC to put out Facebook appeal for parental help with shelter/ polycrub</p>
<p>7. Head Teacher's Report</p>	<p><u>SIP</u> - There are three priorities for the school improvement plan, VP will be putting the details of this together during the staff in-service day on Monday & over the summer.</p> <p><u>PEF</u> - The school's Pupil Equity Funding has not been fully spent due to lockdown, however VP now has approval for this to be used on a new phonic-based reading scheme for the younger children, and new reading resources for all the Gaelic and English classes.</p> <p><u>Library</u> - The school library is being transferred from Rm4 to the new demountable during the in-service day, allowing for Rm4 to be used as a music room and workspace. An appeal will be going out for parents to 'make or buy' a beanbag for the new library, to provide welcoming and comfy seating for the children. A whole school reading focus in August will (Covid restrictions permitting) allow parents to come in to help with daily reading, and a sponsored read will help to raise</p>	

	<p>funds for new books/library resources.</p> <p><u>School Uniform</u> - VP asked the PC for their thoughts on relaxing the uniform policy to allow children to wear more practical clothes for outdoor play. The PC thought that a polo-shirt and navy jumper would keep children looking smart and avoid the problems associated with a daily fashion parade, but that allowing dark joggers, shorts or leggings would be fine. There is a large amount of donated uniform held at school; this could be made available to interested parents in exchange for a small donation to the school fund.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> - Unfortunately Lorna Taggart is still unable to return to work - cover for her class is in place. The PC will send flowers - AC to deliver.</p>	<p>AC to get/deliver flowers to Lorna</p>
<p>8. Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>The next PC meeting will be online on Tuesday, 24th August at 8pm.</p>	

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