Elrick Parent Forum Meeting

Date: Friday 4th November 2016

Location: Elrick Primary School Staff Room

Attendees: Angela Bowman (Chair), Mrs Malcolm, Matthew Sheridan (Active Schools), Jillian Christie, Monique Blair, Ruth Macdonald, Lisa McPherson, Kelly McLeish, Louise Milne, Amy Pirie, Louise Young, Shelley Elrick, Lynn Reid, Dawn Anderson, Susan Hay, Evelyn Ewen, Anoushka Frain.

**1. Chairperson’s welcome**

•AB expressed thanks to everyone for attending. The good attendance at a morning meeting was noted.

**2. Apologies**

•Catriona Stevenson, Donna Snowie, Jenny McCue.

**3. Review, complete and approve minutes**

•**Dog Fouling**

Following a meeting with Iris Walker, it was agreed that signage ought to be improved. The cost of this is being researched at the moment.

•**Toilets**

Kay Macdonald (Quality Improvement Officer) has visited the school and agreed to take further action. Unfortunately we are 19th in line for refurbishment. A further inspection is taking place on 12th December.

•**Car Parking**

Following a meeting with Iris Walker, some double yellow lines have been repainted.

•**School Office**

Emma Watson is now in role. Thank you to all parents who helped man the office prior to Emma taking up the position.

•**Shell Technology Grant**

Forms require to be filled in. **ACTION Mrs Robertson and AB**

**4. Head Teacher’s Report**

•The school is now fully staffed.

•4 teaching students will be joining the school.

•Mrs McLelland is on maternity leave but her sessions are covered.

•The school is interviewing for a PSA.

•Recent parents meetings resulted in positive feedback about Book

Creator. This will continue and be uploaded in December and accessible through Glow. There will be a further parents meeting in term 3. Book Creator will continue through term 3 and 4.

•Children are continuing to learn French at school. They continue to use the Learn Pit and Growth Mindset and will share this with parents in term 3.

•The photographer will be back in school soon for P1 and P7 class photos.

•The recent book fair was busy and successful. Thank you to parents for supporting this.

•Classes each have a buddy class to read with. The children are enjoying this.

•Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 14th December. Rather aptly, this will also be our Christmas jumper day.

•Christmas parties will be organised by individual classes. th

•Nursery and P6 will perform a Nativity play on Monday 19th and

Tuesday 20th December. P2/3 and choir will perform on Thursday 15th December. All other classes will have various performances throughout the school year.

•Mrs Malcolm thanked the Council for funding a microphone system for the children and staff to use. An additional £1300 was required to set the system up – this was agreed.

•Mrs Malcolm requested that the Council consider buying some indoor games for the children to use at break time when the weather is wet. Mrs Malcolm will provide a quote for the cost at the next meeting. **ACTION Mrs Malcolm**

**5. Curriculum Rationale**

•The plan for this is ongoing. It will be available in digital form and around the school in a paper version.

**6. Active Schools**

•Our local co-ordinator, Matthew Sheridan, joined us.

•He discussed the aims of Active Schools including opportunities to

participate in sports and the development of leadership, team

working, social and communication skills in children.

•There are opportunities for parents to volunteer and go through

coaching training. Teachers run most clubs at the moment.

•Information about clubs can be accessed through the local Active

Schools website - www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and- culture/active-schools/in-your-area/garioch/westhill-primary- network/

•Matthew can be contacted by emailing matthew.sheridan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

**7. Online ordering of school uniform**

•The school plan to move to an online system. They will still have a stock of items should parents require this.

**8. Request for funding for swimming team**

•Shelly Elrick informed us of the Swimming Gala in May. 24 children could participate in this but we often struggle to get enough children interested in taking part.

•It was agreed that we should do more to make parents and children aware of the event.

•Shelley requested funding (£212) for t-shirts and caps for the children to use. It was agreed that we should attempt to source a cheaper alternative. **ACTION SE**

**9. Treasurer’s Report**

•Balance is currently £4,000 following various outgoings to benefit the school and children.

•£15,000 had been spent recently. The Parent Council has spent £9,000 on a microphone sound system for the children and staff to use. We have contributed £3,000 towards playground equipment. We have updated the library computer system and paid for transport to Techfest for the whole school.

•We paid for an excellent Internet Safety Training for pupils, staff

and parents. This was delivered by Paul Hay - www.pclstraining.com

•Fundraising activities due in the next month include calendars, class tea towels, canvas bags, mini marathons and Christmas jumper day.

•A fundraising team will be formed and plans put in place for further fundraising. If anyone can help with this then please contact Angela Bowman - angela.bowman@hotmail.com.

**10. Funds request – Money for specialists**

•It was requested that specialist teachers should receive an annual amount of money to spend on materials in the same way that class teachers do. This was agreed and will cost an additional £430. ACTION CM

**11. Funds request – Nursery crockery**

•Nursery would like to renew their crockery at a cost of approx £150-£200. This was agreed.

**12. Funds request – Christmas staging**

•This would cost £400. This was agreed.