Elrick Primary School Parent Council Meeting 10th March 2017 0900hrs

Atendees: Angela Bowman, Louise Malcolm, Dawn Anderson, Ruth MacDonald, Aimee Douglas, Louise Young, Lisa McPherson, Monique Blair, Caroline Noble, Allesandra Stavassi

Apologies – Caroline MacLeod, Kelly Mcleish, Donna Snowie, Lynn Reid, Jillian Christie, Catriona Stevenson, Evelyn Ewen

Approve the minutes

* Toilets - no further forward. Budget implications due to year end. Mrs Malcolm to follow-up with an email.
* Parking - no improvements. It is an ongoing problem. Mrs Bowman informed us the local constable is happy to follow up any concerns raised to him. Photographic evidence very useful for him. Mrs Bowman to ask constable to drive-by school.
* Mrs Malcolm - lateness currently a big problem. Many children are frequently 15-20 minutes late which interrupts learning. Being on time is part of the expectations of the school. Children need to report to Mrs Bowman if late. This is a safety issue. Notice on the door at reception relaying this message. Mrs Malcolm to address lateness. Possibility of contacting parents of persistently late children. Mrs Malcolm to monitor more closely.
* Emergency vehicle access - Mrs Malcolm has spoken to the Fire and Police forces regarding this.
* Shell Technology grant- Jillian Christie £325 – APPLICATION ONGOING
* Swim Team kit – To be funded between Parent Council and School; Mrs Elrick to organise.
* Curriculum Rationale - Mr Robinson dealing with this. Nearly at print stage. The plan is for an online version and a paper version to be around the school.
* Group call Expressions App. Mrs Bowman noticed hiccups. There are always hard copies of email. Mrs Bowman to action – ensure everyone receiving emails.
* Mrs Bowman - slopes. Frequently it’s parents standing at the top of the slopes waiting for their children. – Text message sent out.
* Help in the Community - Mrs Bowman - food bank. Dawn Anderson is the contact. It is quite full at the moment – no action required for now
* P7s joined meeting. The ECO group. They are sorting up the gardens/grounds. They are looking for tools to do this. It hasn’t been costed specifically yet but they are asking for £500. P's showed plans for beside nursery - raised beds with stones. They will ask the Man Shed to help. Mrs Stockdale - growing vegetables to make soup etc. They are also organising litter picking. P7's will write a letter to the Men's Shed. The tools we currently have are small - need more robust tools. Mrs Bowman thinks this is ok. The balance is ok for fun day. The Community Council has money available - to email and ask for £500. Also Drum , Foxlane, Dobbies , Dunecht, Countesswells etc - Mrs Bowman asked the ECO group to write to these companies for donations. Mrs McDonald seconded the £500. Mrs Malcolm asked group to take photos to show progress and put on twitter.
* Last meeting minutes approved.

Mrs Malcolm's Report

* Mrs Buchan to leave end of term. Recruitment underway.
* Mrs Singer to start in reception after nursery post filled.
* Four day post in nursery and interviews will be held next week.
* Mrs Matthew changing to three days a week after June.
* Two day post needed and a parent is needed for the interview.
* Class performances - either done or in progress.
* Silver Sports Award last year - this year we are going for Gold. Involves participation and staff upgrade for sports. Mr Strachan doing gymnastics CPD course for staff.
* Registered for Digital Schools Award- computational thinking, using technology as a tool and enhance learning, developing life skills. Mrs Robinson has been to Glasgow regarding this. She is involved with the Digital Leaders in running the Coding Club and supporting coding across the school. Staff have also attended training. There are 1000s of jobs which will require these skills.
* Parent Council to possibly subsidise buses - very expensive and will help to keep the cost of trips down.

End of Mrs Malcolm's Report.

* Mrs Bowman - Anti-Bullying Policy. Mrs Malcolm discussed policy needs reviewing. Discussed with staff and pupils - class ethos, nurturing approach, open door policy, class charters, rules, class check-ins. Children need to know Mrs Malcolm is there to help people, not to be scared. The school follows a Restorative Approach. We will be promoting friendships and play through the new play buddy system. We aim to build resilience as this is very important. Children were also asked their opinions of bullying and staying safe. Mrs Malcolm handed out copies of anti-bullying policy. Mrs Bowman suggested to add what is not bullying. Mrs McDonald suggested to add the word 'prolonged' to the policy. Mrs Malcolm explained ethos. Safe and Well pocket document no longer exists. Response time to a complaint within a week. Mrs Malcolm suggested to look at policy and report back. Mrs Malcolm suggested a text to parents to look at policy and report back with a link to policy.
* Mrs Malcolm suggested to explain restorative practice.
* Mrs Malcolm suggested a workshop(s) next term.
* Rainbow Room - very positive for school - needs explained further.
* Redraft anti-bullying policy before next meeting.
* Mrs Bowman. Caroline not at meeting. £5700 in bank. £400 in safe from Dons Day out.
* Disco at end of month and dress-down day on 30th March. PJ day.
* Lisa McPherson to look at purchasing Easter eggs/chocolate for disco.
* School uniform standards. Children will be wearing Jogger bottoms if they are going to Westdyke or the Academy etc for spprts activities. After PE children are expected to change. Mrs Malcolm is not concerned with uniform but will speak to staff and observe if uniform standards are being kept.
* Mrs Bowman - thank you for attending.

Date of next meeting Monday 24th April 1830.