

BROUGHTON PRIMARY



PARENT COUNCIL

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For your Information:

Chair: Maryanne Jenkins

Vice Chair: Lesley Mason

Treasurer: Helen Wood

Secretary: Lynne Short

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Parent Council Meeting Thursday 4th February 2021 @ 12pm

Present: Lesley Mason, Lynne Short, Helen Wood, Carn Peaston (Head Teacher), Steph Stewart, Maureen Swinburne (Principal Teacher), Vicky White, Alphedia Kenchington, Lina Mangen, Diane Worthington, Fiona MacLachlan

Apologies: Maryanne Jenkins

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Lesley welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the 12 pm time was in response to parental feedback.

2. HT Update

a. Home Learning:

- Carn thanked all staff for their outstanding work and efforts in ensuring that home learning is positive and effective for our families
- Approximately 50% of parents returned the survey. Staff are responding to the comments. Carn outlined the fact that home learning expectations vary hugely from family to family. The home learning grids are now colour-coded for taught, core and extension activities. The technology was an issue initially and staff are aware that different families have different levels of IT experience. **Parents should please continue to communicate with us via their child's email, the school office or Carn's email.**
- ELC and P123 are expected to return to school on 22nd February. Further communications will be published centrally and practical communication for parents will come from Carn.
- The key worker hub is working very well. Thank you to all staff involved in hub provision.

Carn invited questions from the floor:

Steph Stewart commented that the provision has worked well for her family and has been a significant improvement on the first lockdown.

Lynne Short asked if further reassurance from Carn could be given to parents that it is not necessary for children to complete every activity on the learning grids. Carn agreed and said that this will be continually reviewed.

Lesley Mason asked if there was any way of recognising tasks that the children complete at home which may not be on the grid. Carn agreed and might take ownership of this via assemblies.

Helen Wood spoke about parents sharing IT tips: is there any way of centralising this? Lesley said that SBC will be offering a Parents' Tech Café session and wondered if our parents could be involved. It will be on Friday for 45 minutes. Carn has details and will distribute this to parents.

b.HT Update

- Carn is keen to keep an eye on pupil attendance. She is reviewing how the class meets work. Some families have been unable to attend and Carn has contacted them directly. There are a few families who are still not engaging – Carn will follow up by phone call. Alphedia commented that perhaps direct communication with parents reminding them of meeting times, assemblies etc might be more helpful than communicating via the child's Teams page. Carn pointed out that this information is in every weekly grid sent out by group call to parents' emails on a Friday.
- Carn thanked the Parent Council for its support in the construction of the polytunnel and the outdoor classroom. Parents will no doubt be aware of the damage to the polytunnel; repairs will be held off until return to school. Staff and children have understandably been upset by the damage. Thanks also to parent council for agreeing to fund the blinds for the outdoor classroom. Mr Brunton the joiner is able to supply these and Carn can confirm that these will be brought indoors at night.

3.Home Learning Support

Lesley asked if there was anything else parent council can do to support parents at this time. One suggestion had been a WhatsApp group for each class in school where parents could informally communicate and support each other. Alphedia felt that this might be a useful and supportive idea. Lesley would be happy to look into setting up a group for P4,5,6; Steph kindly agreed to look into setting up a group for P6,7.

Steph further suggested that pupils in P6,7 might like to set up an informal Teams group to support each other. **We are looking for a parent from P1,2,3 to look into setting up a WhatsApp group – please get in touch if you can help.**

4.Wellness Event Follow Up

Lesley formally thanked Alphedia for organising a fantastic event. Approximately 54 signed up and attended. The final figure for the event is £666.86. A link to a recording of the event is still available in return for a small donation to parent council via the PayPal button on the website.

5.Treasurer's Report (Helen Wood)

Bank Balance as at the last Parent Council Meeting 18th November 2020 £4641.29

Income for 18th November 2020 to 3rd February 2021:

Easy Fundraising £58.42

Interest £0.61

Clyde Windfarm Transport Grant 2019 £6300.00

Susan & James Brown Christmas Tree Donation £420.00

Alphedia Kenchington Wellbeing Evening £666.85 £7445.88 £12,087.17

Expenditure 18th November 2020 to 3rd February 2021

Maryanne Jenkins – Staff/Pupils Gratuities £159.48

Fiona Woollard – Christmas Treats £60.00 £219.48 £11,867.69

Bank Balance as of 3rd February 2021: £11,867.69

Pending:

Renewal of the Lottery Licence due - £20.00 (PC agreed to take this forward)

Write to SSE Clyde Farm to request an extension of the Transport Grant due to Covid-19 restrictions imposed.

Audit of year end accounts due – Helen has asked Steph if David McMillan would be willing to review the annual accounts.

Still under consultation:

Furnishings/Materials for the polytunnel/outdoor classroom, further evaluation required before consulting with Parent Council.

6.School Wishlist

- Carn would like to request that parent council seeks a quote for raised beds for the polytunnel and wonders if parent council might fund this. PC agreed to take this forward.
- Written reports are due to parents in March; Carn would like these out in May instead. This was agreed. Further to this, parent consultations will remain at the end of March.
- Carn gave a mention of huge appreciation for the support given to the children in the community by Broughton Village store.
- Maureen Swinburne spoke about the polytunnel. School would like to start a gardening project to involve all pupils. This may involve some level of planting at home bringing the seedlings into school and creating an end product in the polytunnel. This could culminate in the Big Broughton Picnic. **School is looking for parent volunteers to help with this. Please get in touch with any ideas and offers.** Lesley suggested that we might link this project with Broughton in Bloom and Broughton Horticultural Society. Lesley is happy to look into putting them in contact. Lesley also suggested sending a letter to Upper Tweed Community Council for further support.
- Maureen spoke about the lack of suitable books in the library for second level. Pupils are currently reading Scottish stories by Scottish authors. School would like four or five sets of

eight books and the total cost would be approximately £256. Lesley asked if we might approve this instantly as a parent council; this was agreed.

7.AOB

Carn shared the good news that her Headteacher's post at Broughton & Newlands is now permanent.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Helen Wood.

Next meeting is scheduled for mid-March and will take place in an evening.

Meeting ended at 12:50 pm