

Agenda

- Welcome & Apologies
- Minute from last meeting
- Constitution
- School Improvement Plan
- Head Teacher Report
- Christmas Gifts
- Christmas Plans
- Chairperson Report
- Treasurer Report
- Date of Next Meeting

Welcome & Apologies

Attending:

Patricia Davies (chair), Helen Wilson (secretary), Amy Madden, Elaine Jessiman, Nicola Turnball, Yasmin Lamb, Mr Boulind, Mrs Klimkowski (treasurer), Miss Thomson, Mrs Little, Mrs Will, Mrs McLauchlan

Minute of Last Meeting

Proposed by Helen Wilson. All in agreement no amendments necessary.

Constitution

- Patricia Davies verbally read through Aberdeenshire Council's sample constitution and discussed with all those attending the tweaks that were required to produce a constitution for Pitfour Parent Council
- Patricia Davies to type up this new amended constitution, send out to Parent Council for agreement then to be sent out to parents.

School Improvement Plan

- PEF (pupil equity funding) - Scottish Government funding
- Expenditure will be on website soon
- Looking at expanding PSA support
- Data and Analysis - important to measure if improvements made through previous years have made a difference
- Improve attainment of pupils, education and health and wellbeing.

Head Teachers Report

COVID-19:

- Cases in Aberdeenshire now plateauing but NHS Grampian has 3rd highest transmission rate in Scotland
- Information from today - mitigations in school remain
- Thinking ahead post Christmas when allowed would like Parent Council to organise fundraisers etc.
- Christmas Parties - to be class parties

- Talks within school cluster on school Christmas celebrations - suggested any celebrations to be recorded and sent to parents via seesaw etc.

Mr Boulind thanked parents and staff for the warm welcome he has received since taking up the post of Headteacher at Pitfour.

School News:

- Slowly introducing pupil voice groups and house meeting on a fortnightly basis alternating, class assemblies every Friday in gym hall (usually 2 classes socially distanced) to celebrate pupils learning
- Looking at P7 getting more leadership and responsibility
- P7 prefects - undergoing training for this role
- Approx. 94/95 pupils in school
- Increase in nursery intake approx. 28 children and another 7 to start after Christmas. Some children doing 6 sessions, some full days
- Portakabin to become library area - redecorating and new furniture being ordered
- Learning hub being organised in ASL area
- Quiet room in between P1/2 and P3/4 classes to be utilised
- 2nd digital newsletter will be out end of this week
- End of Nov interim reports will be issued, virtual meetings on 7th and 9th December
- Seesaw working well as communication bridge for parents, pupils and staff
- Mr Boulind has noticed for an open plan school all pupils are very respectful of each other

Christmas Gifts/Christmas Plans

- Christmas gift suggestion - pencil case with school logo containing pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, canvas pencil case eco-friendly
- Patricia Davies to send information onto parent members to discuss on messenger group
- Amy Madden suggested another option of plain pencil cases and could speak to a school Mum who has own craft business to see about vinyl labels we could iron on ?cheaper option
- Christmas plans for parties as set out already by Mr Boulind - newsletter to follow with final details of what/when celebrations will take place and nursery/primary class parties
- Unsure if we can give children confectionary as part of Christmas gifts due to new Scottish Government Healthy Eating Guidelines for schools - Mrs Klimkowski to check this

Christmas Fundraising:

- Scratch card Hamper - £2/square. 1-100. Suggest ask parents for donations of scratch cards. Nicola Turnbull happy to organise hamper.
- Smyths voucher - £100 voucher. £2/square. 1-100. Helen Wilson to purchase voucher.
- Mrs Klimkowski to pass on electronic template for 100 squares to Patricia Davies.

Chairperson Report

- Raised £155 commission from our Christmas cards so far.

Treasurer's Report

- No change in bank account since last meeting. Total £1313.29

AOCB

Raising awareness of school fundraising initiatives - clothing bank and Easyfundraising.

- The clothes bank in car park raises funds directly for the school. Payment is on weight and school receives between £90-£100 every empty.
- Easyfundraising set up through Parent Council and through online shopping can raise free donations.
- Plan is to add this information to this terms newsletter to raise awareness of this with parents and guardians.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 18.1.2022 at 7.15pm with agenda to be confirmed.

Likely to still be a virtual meeting.