

## Parent Council Minutes 14/09/21

Person present –

Rita Angus

Gillian Norquoy

Rhona Tait

Donna McLeary - Chair

Laura Weir

Lyndsey Stein – Minutes

Leeann Pecoriello

Michelle Blackley

Jillian Jamieson

Apologies – Gayle Bowes , Juliette Redmond

### Points raised

- 1) Diluting juice is only allowed at lunchtime, water only in class.
- 2) Park drop off. Children leave school no earlier than 3.05, teachers wait with children until 3.15 then walk any children not collected back to school for safety.
- 3) Use of face masks – best practice is to wear a mask at the park and at school gates. This along with social distancing should be encouraged.
- 4) The pick up at the park will continue until guidance re distancing changes and COVID numbers drop.
- 5) School Bus – Mrs Angus will investigate if bus passes can be purchased monthly rather than weekly, and if the option to purchase can be left on for longer. Issues on the bus in relation to bullying and inappropriate behaviour have been reported to have increased. Mrs Angus has advised that all incidents should be reported to the school and will be investigated.
- 6) Rhona has read up on CONNECT handouts re Parent Council roles and expectations. Discussion took place surrounding a more structured council rather than a Parents Forum which is a less formal meeting. All agree that more parents are required to help with discussing matters of importance in the school and that a drive to recruit more parents may be beneficial. Rhona will put something together highlighting the joint approach of parents and teachers working together for the benefit of the school. This will be circulated for comment then the school will send it out to the wider school community.  
A parent council email address was suggested to allow parents to mail in any questions, which all agree is a good suggestion. All agree it would be best if parents with queries could attend the meetings or contact the school rather than posting on Facebook. It may be beneficial to have the Facebook group moderators attend the meetings to feed back on any issues and questions raised via this forum. Lyndsey will message the moderators and request

representation at the next meeting. AGM for Parent council to be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm in the school.

- 7) Xmas fayre – is unable to happen this year due to large numbers anticipated to attend.
- 8) Clothes bank at Morrisons has been removed, Ms Norquoy has been pursuing this and it is hoped it will be back soon. This is profitable for the school and everyone should be encouraged to use it if appropriate and able. The money generated for this goes toward school funds.
- 9) P4 are having sessions run by NYCOS in 40 minute sessions and are well received by the children.
- 10) Rhona enquired why children attending simply play leave 10 minutes early at the end of the day. This is due to staggered pick ups from school.
- 11) Mrs Angus will investigate why some children are bringing home litter rather than using school bins. Some children are some are not.
- 12) After school clubs, active sports will commence as soon as they can, no date yet.
- 13) Parent consultations will be after October and on line.
- 14) Parking – community police officer has contacted school and requested all parents were contacted to be considerate and safe in their parking, issues continue at the turning circle and at Hope Park Gardens. Please use common sense.
- 15) Children are now able to mix freely in the dining room.
- 16) P7 now have buddy time with P1 outside.
- 17) George the lollipop man at Falside is leaving on Friday after many years service.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct in the school dining room at 6pm. All welcome and very much encouraged to come along.