

Minutes of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting – 1st October 2020

Attendees: Mrs Jones, Mrs Bruce, Miss Morrison, Pamela Morrison, Jill Brennan, Francis Reid, Alec Thompson-Miller, Michelle Flood, Emma Davie, Sarah Tillman, Susan Strachan, Leigh Bjorkvoll, Laura Mulgrew, Fiona Heffernan, Alister Lockhart

Apologies: None

Minutes: Jill Brennan

1. School Update

Minutes to be sent to Mrs Mathers to publish on the school website by the PTA Chair.

Small survey will be in the next newsletter asking parents' views on the return to school.

Conscious that things have had to change as we go along which has been quite challenging.

Every family will be given the opportunity to have a discussion with their child/children's teacher by email/phone/google meet.

Every class now has a class rep.

Feedback from PTA for Mrs Jones

- Great job, kids are very happy
- Are the children able to use the gym hall? The route map doesn't allow for this at the moment given the indoor/lack of ventilation. Mrs Webster will return after the October holidays to provide PE lessons with her outdoors
- Positive feedback on the use of the outdoor spaces
- Weekly newsletter is really helpful
- Daily slides were very useful as a prompt for parents to discuss with their children
- The use of Google classroom for homework/assembly slides has been a positive allowing for teacher feedback
- The school has done a great job making all of the safety aspects fun for the children e.g. doing to the conga to washing their hands
- Communication has been very good and positive from the children about their day
- The emotion/wellbeing topic looking at how they feel, communicating it with their teacher and talking about issues they may have is coming home in a positive fashion
- Sometimes it can be difficult to get to grips with Google Classroom/where communication is coming from

2. Chairperson Standing Down

A huge thank you to Francis for all his hard work as the PTA Chairperson to date. Francis will continue to be a member of the PTA going forward.

Jill Brennan was proposed by Alec Thompson-Miller and seconded by Fiona Heffernan as the new chairperson.

Donna Cuthil (Parent Engagement Officer) at Aberdeen Council will be notified.

Karin as treasurer will be asked to change the signatories.

3. Funding Requests

Still working on items that may require funding in the near future.

4. Uniforms

Change in procedures – Laura can't get access to the cupboards for the uniform as visitors are not allowed in the school. PSAs will complete orders going forward.

5. Fundraising Ideas

- My Art Project isn't able to help this year with the Christmas cards due to covid. Mrs Stuart has sourced another company for them so they will be going ahead. My Art Project have provided the face masks pack to Miss Morrison for the children to design their own masks for families to purchase.
- Scratchcards
- Smartie tube to each family and they fill it up with 20p pieces and return it to school
- Pumpkin Trail – same idea as the rainbows and teddies in windows and take the children out in the local area to spot window displays. Poster is being worked on.
- Create a pumpkin map of the local area for a small donation. Leigh will come up with a map to run a spot the pumpkin trail on the Saturday morning of 31st October. Families can do the trail and pay £2 for the map available via the uniform store.
- Autumn festival dress up with donations or a headband decoration they make themselves? Mrs Jones to consider further.
- Spree App costs £20, the school receives £5 from each sale. No minimum purchase.
- Book fair from Scholastics – school link shared with parents generates a 20% return for the school. Books are delivered to the school. Is this worth the effort for a 20% return? can the books be sent directly to the parents? Jill to check with Scholastics.
- Christmas hampers – pull through class themes from the next term possibly rainbow themed given this year

6. Lorna Milne's retirement

Card and flowers on behalf of the PTA to be sent thanking Lorna for all of her hard work and support. Alec to arrange the flowers and circulate a virtual card to the PTA members to sign.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th November