



Foveran Primary - Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 8th February 2023 – 7.45pm (via Teams)

Present: Jamie Ferguson (Head Teacher – JF), Amanda Russell (P1-3 Teacher), Sarah Williams (Chairperson - SW), Lynn Bowman (Vice Chairperson - LB), Ruth Stannard (Secretary – RS), Jennifer McLoughlin (JM), James Carter (JC), Lyndsey Carter (LC), Calaidh Reid (CR), Eilidh MacKechnie (EMK), Jane Pryor (JP) Wilma Garrett (WG)

Apologies: Lisa Proud, Rachael McClintock

Item	Description	Action
1	Introductions and Apologies	
	Introductions and Apologies were made	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Minutes of the previous meeting approved	
3	School Update from Head Teacher	
3.1	New School discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline new school plans – School role projected to increase significantly over next 5 years. Foveran identified as best candidate for new school. Suitable land has been identified by the council along with safe path access from the village. This is likely to include a nursery. Capacity around 300 pupils. The catchment area for this is yet to be confirmed. Timescale for this is around 4-5 years. The focus of this will be on maintaining ethos and character of the small village school. Transition will be gradual for the pupils and role will increase gradually Interim plans – next year onwards – with the role allowing for another class and teacher, the plan is to turn the current GP area into an additional classroom. Class configuration would be as follows: P1-2 (19) P3-4 (14) P5-7 (20). This will be fully furnished including a partition between the classes and a new CleverTouch board. Lunches will continue to be in the same space. 	
3.2	Christmas thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panto – thanks for parent and committee support Show – thanks there also and for Microphones and sets help Party – thanks for support from parents Movie Night – thanks for help with this 	

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current/Upcoming staffing – Mrs Leask is taking career break, this will be filled by a permanent position, advert is now live. There will be a few weeks after Mrs Leask leaves before new teacher starts. Some of this will be covered by supply staff but Mr Ferguson will take on a lot of the responsibility for the class in order to ensure consistency for the pupils. There will be a party for Mrs Leask involving the whole school on the afternoon of the 23rd February at the village hall. • Strikes – 28th Feb and 1st March. Discussions are ongoing and this is likely to continue. • SeeSaw and future communication plans – It looks like SeeSaw will not be continued in Aberdeenshire. A guide will be sent out to parents about how to download SeeSaw content so it is not lost. A questionnaire will come out to parents soon regarding communication and how pupil profiles can be re-established. • Tempest Photos booked – 13th October. Whole School/Class photos may be arranged by Parent Council. • Upcoming Quality Improvement Visit – opportunity for Parents to be involved to speak to QIO Fiona Cruikshank. <p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World book day – 2nd March. School are working on plans for this, nothing too onerous for parents. • School trip – Aberdeen University Zoology Museum and St Machar Cathedral. Date TBC before Easter. <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding will now be directed more towards to experiences rather than resources in light of new school build. • Could we get another shed from Hill of Fiddes? • Application to Ellon Rotary Club for further funding. • Kilt Walk by some parents will be fundraising for the school. Opportunity for more parents to get involved. • Hoodies for leavers – Parent Council to fund this. • Smart sacks – More of these required for next session, Parent Council to fund. 	<p>LB</p> <p>RM RM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Treasurer Update</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance continues to be healthy 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Fundraising</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea towels – Communication with company proving difficult • Carter family planning to sell plants again • Further discussion to be held by parent council regarding fundraising ideas 	<p>JC</p>

6	Upcoming Events	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above 	
7	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential trips – day trips will be taking place for P7 pupils this year. Several options are on the table for next session. • Vision/Values competition – the winning statement will be shared soon and embedded in to the life of the school. • Road Safety – Letter has been written with several proposals to be shared with Mr Ferguson then Aberdeenshire Council. Balmedie school has some successful initiatives which Mrs Russell can look into. • Sustrans – Mrs Robertson is in the process of organising walk to school/scoot to school etc week. 	EMK, SW, JF AR
8	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WB 24th April 2023 (Wednesday 26th April 7:45pm? TBC) 	