



Foveran Primary - Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th April 2024 – 7.45pm (via Teams)

Present: Jamie Ferguson – HT, Lynn Bowman - Chairperson, Calaidh Reid - Vice Chair, Ruth Stannard - Secretary, James Carter - Treasurer, Lisa Proud, Lynsey Carter, Marcus Garrett, Kat Hetherington, Tommy Hart, Rachael McClintock, Dawn Lewis

Apologies: Eilidh MacKechnie, Sarah Williams, Mike and Nikki Cleverdon, John Smith, Kelly McLeod, Jennifer McLoughlin, Jane Pryor

Item	Description	Action
1	Introductions and Apologies	
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2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting approved.</p> <p>Update re: football team – This has been run by Marcus Garrat for past 10 months involving P5-7 pupils. They play as part of the indoor Strathythan league and are looking at participating in various galas over the summer. Tracksuit tops are to be sponsored by Craig Reid Plant Hire. Moving forward, new P5s will be invited to join each session.</p> <p>School lunch portion sizes – Lynn has emailed Ian (Catering Services Manager) and received a reply expressing that school lunches are in line with Scottish guidelines. If parents would like to see the detailed response, please contact the school.</p>	
3	School Update from Head Teacher	
	<p>Staffing – Mrs Moffatt retired before Easter so Mrs Robertson has been working full time as a PSA to replace the hours. This means that there are clerical hours to be advertised shortly. Because of this, there is often not someone in the office in the mornings at the moment. A message will go out to all parents tomorrow to say that urgent communication should be sent via email. It may take longer for the school to get back to people but this should only be temporary.</p> <p>Next session – Changing for PE is becoming an issue due to space for changing, time wasted etc. The school are looking at children coming to school in their PE kits. Mr Ferguson asked if this would be an issue for parents and everyone agreed it would be reasonable. This will probably start later in this term or next term.</p>	

	<p>Residential trip – This was a huge success and the P7 pupils loved the experience. A grant was secured for the bus so £94 will be reimbursed to all families. Dates have been pencilled in with the same 4 schools for next year. A lot of the outdoor centres are run by Christian organisations meaning that there is a half hour ‘explore’ session where staff share their beliefs, some Bible stories and the option for children to join in a prayer. A minority of parents were concerned about this so in future years this will be made more explicit to families as part of information about the trip. Thank you to the P7 parents for all the positive feedback over the past week.</p> <p>Quality Assurance – Jonathan Cordiner (Quality Improvement Office) was in school a few weeks back and gave a lot of positive feedback. Mr Ferguson is now part of a Self Evaluation Trio of Head Teachers who will be frequently visiting each other’s schools and engaging in quality assurance activities.</p> <p>Reports – Mr Ferguson is hoping to arrange a parent working group shortly but in the meantime, the current format will be used this year. For several reasons, the date for sharing with parents has been knocked backed to 24th May and parents evenings 28th and 29th May.</p> <p>On 30th April P7 will be attending a STEM transition event next week with Arnage School. On 17th May the upper stages will attend a sports event at Tipperty School.</p>	
4	Treasurer Update	
	Rachel will continue in the role until the end of the session. £950 in the bank account	
5	Fundraising	
	Summer Raffle – we will discuss this off the call as a potential fundraiser Summer Disco – Friday 28 th June TBC	
6	Upcoming Events	
	<p>There is the potential of a couple of whole school trips before the summer - TBC</p> <p>30th April – Arnage STEM transition event</p> <p>6th May – School Closed</p> <p>17th May – Tipperty Sports Event for upper stages class</p> <p>24th May – Reports to parents</p> <p>28th May – P1 Induction</p> <p>5th June – Sports Day</p> <p>12th June – Family Picnic</p> <p>25-27th June – Ellon Academy Transition Days</p> <p>3rd July – Talent Show</p> <p>5th July – End of Term Celebration</p>	
7	AOB	

	<p>Mrs Raper – Mr Ferguson doesn't know at this point if she will be able to remain on the staff next session due to it being the end of her probation year, if there is the option to keep her this would be a preference as she has been an asset to the team.</p> <p>Music Lessons – Visiting specialists are unlikely to be reintroduced any time soon. Music is incorporated into class annual planning and blocks will be allocated to music and the other Expressive Arts. Each class does cover music throughout the year in accordance with Curriculum for Excellence.</p> <p>P7 residential trip concerns – discussed above.</p>	
8	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 11 th June 7:45pm	