WPS Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7.15pm – 8.45pm

Opening of meeting by Vice-Chair, Jane Dunlop

Outstanding actions from previous meeting:

- Transfer of Treasurer role ACTION Andy, Lyndsay ONGOING
- Contact persons regards STEM involvement with school ACTION Andy ONGOING
- Transfer of funds to School for new Smart boards ACTION Andy, Lyndsay COMPLETE

## Apologies:

Interim Chair Andy Walker

- 1. Update from Nicola Gill, Public Transport, West Lothian Council regards School Busses.
- 2. Updates from Councillor Fitzpatrick and Greg Welsh WLC Head of Education (EY, Primary and Resources) and WPS LT regards School Car Park.

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- 3. Any other updates from School Leadership Team (Mrs Livingston and Mrs Young)
- 4. Availability of WPS PC Positions
  - a. Chair This summer will see the end of the current Chairs 2-year tenure. Persons wishing to put their names forward should contact Andy, thegingerjock@yahoo.co.uk
  - b. STEM Sub-Committee Several people have come forward to help with this role.
  - c. Grants Seeking out any funding opportunities for the school.
- 5. Finance Update
  - a. Currently have £1,651.23 in the PC Bank Account.
- 6. Sub-Committee Updates
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Meeting of Fundraising Committee to be arranged ACTION Andy Walker
  - b. Communications
    - i. No update at this time.
  - c. STEM
    - i. No update at this time.
  - d. Grants
    - i. Vicki Finch has identified a potential grant the school can apply for. This will be looked at and discussed with the school.
- 7. Questions raised and responded to by School Already
  - a. Uniform. What's on the website doesn't match what the school want. Can the website be updated?
    - i. Response from Andy Walker I have updated the website which reads as follows. Any issues please let me know.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a school uniform which we encourage children to wear.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, ties, fleeces, and reversible jackets can be ordered and purchased at any time during the year. Children should not wear jewellery to school in case they have an accident or in case the jewellery is lost. Jewellery including earnings must not be worn during PE classes.

PE Kit:

White polo or T-Shirt

Black or grey leggings, joggers, or shorts

School colour jumper, cardigan, or fleece

Trainers - Wellington boots are not appropriate for PE

Outdoor coat if going outside

b. Communication in general. The app seems to have some glitches plus not everyone seems to be able to use it. Maybe important things like the newsletter with dates of meet the teacher and changes to uniforms etc should be emailed out instead to ensure everyone gets the info.

- i. Response from Mrs Livingston We were continuing to use App for all comms, Seesaw and Teams for all learning. A parent has flagged up an issue with dates not pulling through on the app which Mary has been liaising with the company with.
- c. Free school meals for P6 and 7. When is it happening? It's overdue.
  - i. Response from Mrs Livingston This is a decision for the Scottish Government, not school.
- d. Skiing for P6.
  - i. Response from Mrs Livingston We have focused on the P7 residential first and foremost. In looking at additional school-based learning opportunities, we have found it challenging to find providers that can accommodate numbers, have enough staff or are manageable. Examples include school camps that can accommodate 66 and have enough instructors; outdoor education sessions for 11 children at a time only requiring 3 school staff to attend; some providers no longer offering options. We will continue to investigate options.
- 8. Year Rep Updates (Some names and positions may need amended)
  - a. Nursery Laura McMaster
  - b. P1 Christine Chalmers
  - c. P2 Elaine Kinloch (Still Temporary)
  - d. P3 Jennifer Ross and Lindsay Gibson
  - e. P4 Nat McGowan
  - f. P5 Jane Dunlop
  - g. P6 Gemma Taylor
    - i. Can the challenges of trip provision please be discussed and what the likelihood is of various trips and activities taking place. Are there any plans to restart activities requiring parental assistance.
  - h. P7 Lesley Dunlop and Alison Elliot
- 9. AOB
- 10. Future Meeting Dates
  - Monday 12th September 2022 → Moved to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September
  - Tuesday 8th November 2022
  - Monday 23rd January 2023
  - Tuesday 21st March 2023
  - Monday 15th May 2023