Minutes

Wednesday 3rd October

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| Attended: | Parent Reps: Mike (Chair), Paula (Vice Chair), Elma (Treasurer), Michelle (new Secretary), Rhona, Kathleen, Louise, Aimee  Teachers: Mrs Hughes, Mrs Brooks |
| Apologies: | Mrs Campbell |

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| **Agenda Item/Notes** | **Actions** |
| **1. Approval of minutes and review of actions from AGM (est 10 mins)** | Approved by Mike  Seconded by Mrs Brooks |
| **2.  Feedback from Parent Council Questionnaire (est 20 mins)**   * 19 questionnaires returned – relates to 28 children; return rate of 20% * 61% responses came from nursery and P1-3 * No return from parents in P4 * 6 out of 19 people responded to the role of the parent council – of which the main role was considered to be fundraising * Fear of the unknown and lack of childcare were the biggest reasons for not getting involved/attending meetings along with work commitments, feeling tired after work and the meetings being too formal * What would encourage people to attend – most people said knowing the meeting would finish on time as the most important, with 9 people saying movie (and popcorn) for the kids would be good. * What gets in the way – main theme is that people are really busy so difficult to find time to get involved * Majority of people liked the idea to run school discos only and to ask parents of each class to organise fundraising | * Elma to write up full responses and parent council to look at action plan * Louise to check for previous newsletters to inform new newsletter with information about parent council * Give parents early access to Alehousewells Parents FB page in advance of kids starting school/nursery where possible |
| **3.  Requests for funding (est 10mins)**  **a.  for P5-7 First Aid (£389.25)**  **b.  CCTV for Nursery playgrounds (£90 each)**  - footage would be used to capture any vandalism in the school. Kemnay Primary have this and **have already captured**  Suggestion to use local company PC Cummings to provide this?  **c.  willow tunnels, a music area and dens as well as outdoor netball stands ( as per 2 stars and a wish leaflet issued recently)**  - Mrs Hughes has spoken to blacksmith at Kintore and it’s possible to make 2 stands so that it’s robust and can stand permanently outside.  - willow tunnel needs to be maintained if living; if dried, it becomes sharp and dangerous;  - music area – could have some outside features such as xylophone (similar to those at Stonehaven)  - acknowledged that all of the above may be subject to vandalism  **d. First Aid for Parent Council – 9 people (1 of which came from another school) £39.88 per person.**  **e. Christmas books – cost approx. £50**  **f. Christmas crackers for xmas lunch – cost approx. £60**  **g. presents for Christmas grotto - approx. £250**  - don’t have enough gifts in school so request to purchase additional. Costs TBD.  **h. Christmas Panto : school – costs £999**.  - Will parent council pay 50% of the costs | * Approved spend for First Aid for P5-7 @ £398.25 * Approval to purchase CCTV. Paula to check cost with Cummings for 2 CCTV cameras and feedback at next parent council meeting * All agreed that purchase of willow tunnel, willow den and netball stands is a great idea and parent council could fund – but have to get the vandalism under control first * Approved spend for First Aid for Parent Council @ £319.04 * Approved spend for Books @ £50.00 * Approved spend for Crackers @ £60.00 * Approved spend for grotto presents @ £250.00 * Approved spend for xmas panto @ £500.00   **Total approved spend: £1577.29** |
| **4. Remit of Parent Council (est 15mins)**   * how to move away from fundraising as the only topic of discussion and concentrate more on the school, education etc * Aimee has volunteered to lead the fundraising committee and to feed into parent council meetings as needed | * Parent Council approved appointment of Aimee as lead of Fundraising Committee * Aimee to host initial meeting on **Monday 9th October @ 1030am (see family disco)** |
| **5. AOB**  **Family Disco:**   * Kemnay Bowing Club – will provide at no cost as its fundraising. Only date available is 25th November; 7:30pm to midnight; capacity capped at 200 people * DJ has been provisionally booked; cost of £100 * Ticket price @ £2.50 each * Adults raffle and kids raffle * Home bakes and sweet bar – 20p mix * Glowsticks @ £1 a shot   **P1-3 Disco (Buddies Disco)**  Feedback on recent school disco – felt that there was too much running around and new P1’s were a bit unsure of what they were supposed to be doing. Would be great to introduce proper party games and dances (eg timewarp) for some of the time so the buddies and P1’s can interact – use oldschool music eg Ghostbusters, Nellie the Elephant, Macarena etc – and encourage Buddy to teach younger kids the moves!  Also feedback that music played was not age appropriate – a bit old and kids tended to run in circles instead of dancing. | **Family Disco**   * Aimee to work with Paula and members of the Parent Council on this until more members of fundraising committee come forward * Mrs Brooks to make tickets * Tickets to be sold by the school and local businesses * Needs to be advertised in Kemnay Newsletter by end of Oct   **P1-3 Disco**   * Agreed that there can be more structure – to trial at next disco (Halloween) * Neil to be asked to do Halloween disco – Aimee to do this and also ask about updating playlist * Mrs Brooks to design Halloween Disco tickets * Paula to post request for volunteers on FB to sell tickets and man the disco and decorate the hall * Louise to purchase supplies as needed * Move Glowsticks to the GP room to speed up entry to the disco * Prizes for the best outfit to be purchased – Louise to purchase; best dressed male and female |