Greenhills Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 26th November 2018

Present: Elaine Johnston, Councillor Dryburgh, Anne Marie Kean, Kelly Carlin, Carol Gallagher, Megan Carvel, Joanne Gilchrist, Carrie Ann, Fiona Fadhli,

Apologies: Scott McPhilemy, Debbie Hutton, Suzanne Campbell & Nicky Ballantyne.

Minutes
Minutes of previous meeting were agreed by Fiona and seconded by Carol.

Matters Arising
Mrs Johnston asked if someone would volunteer to organise for the Parent Council to be registered as a charity – Carol volunteered for this role.
Could the school be registered as one of the charities that Morrisons Shoppers could choose to donate to when returning their plastic bottles.
Parent Council will check with Morrisons.
Anne-Marie asked if the Awesome Award certificate could be emailed to her so that the design can be used for the medals. Mrs Johnston will see Mrs Murray regarding this.
Mrs Johnston will forward Anne-Marie the email regarding the Parent Council Annual Insurance.

Head Teacher’s Report

For everything covered in school to date please refer to December Newsletter.
School is needing parent helpers for the library. Carrie-Ann volunteered for Thursday & Friday and Carol for Wed, Thurs & Friday.
Food Bank at the Methodist Church is now closed but Councillor Dryburgh informed the group that there was still one at the Greenhills shops on a Monday night but that it can be difficult to get to in the evening for families. Mrs Johnston has spoken with Mr Curran who runs Loaves and Fishes and he has agreed to drop food into the school but it was decided that it would be better to be dropped into St Andrews Methodist Church where local people come to the drop-in cafe there from 9.30am – 12pm.

Councillor Dryburgh to attend an Education Committee Re Pilots for Breakfast Clubs. Varying information coming from different schools but no figures have been confirmed. Councillor Dryburgh did comment that the behaviour in Greenhills Breakfast Club was very good.

Nurseries – All Council Nurseries should be full time by Aug 2019.
No catchment areas are allowed for Council Nurseries.
Children should be registered as soon as they are two years of age to maximise their chance of getting in to the nursery of their choice.
There are no guarantees that a child in a nursery will get into the same primary if they live outwith the catchment for the school.
Councils are required to maintain the 30/70 ratio for nurseries.
Greenhills nursery will do a topic on food to encourage children to try the school lunches.
It was asked if the children who order a vegetarian option for school lunch could only get it if they were vegetarian. Mrs Johnston explained that this was not the case and there are several reasons children may not get what they ordered e.g. Sometimes children can lose bands and are kept to the end so there may be no vegetarian option left. Our cook, Mrs Westwater will do everything possible to ensure a child gets what they have ordered.
Child was given pork that should not have had pork and only ate beans for lunch. Mrs Johnston asked if the child had told someone but they had not. All children will be encouraged to tell a member of staff if there is something wrong.

Mrs Johnston is concerned about the number of late comings and will put a note in the newsletter about this. All Parent Council members agreed the wording was appropriate. Children will all be working until the end of term as routine is very important for the children especially at this time of year.

**Nursery Nativity 6th Dec**

**P1 Nativity 13th December**

**Curricular Evening Tuesday 8th January** – The evening will cover Reading, 5 Minute Box, Catch-Up Literacy & Behaviour. From January a text will be sent to parents on a Friday afternoon if their child has lost Golden Time.

Targets will be set for Health & Wellbeing in Jan, Literacy at Easter and Numeracy in Aug. P1-P3 will be reviewed monthly and P4-P7 every second week.

**Treasuries Report**

Current Balance £3473.45
Money has still to come off this amount for the Reindeer and shopping for Christmas Fair.
Suggestions for what the money could be spent on – garden area, buddy benches (Shotts Prison), willow structures, eco bricks & a reading chair.
Anne-Marie to email David Hinshelwood about the trees.
Mrs Johnston said that on the last week every class would have the opportunity to sit round a fire pit, listen to a story and eat toasted marshmallows.

Bag Packing Dates – Mrs Johnston to email Debbie regarding this.
Text to go out on Monday reminding parents about the Christmas Fair

**AOCB**

Councillor Dryburgh suggested that the P7’s come to the Chambers to be a Councillor for the day. They can take part in a debate and meet The Provost. Mrs Johnston agreed that this was something the P7’s would be interested in and could Councillor Dryburgh book this on our behalf.

Councillor Dryburgh also brought all the children’s suggestions for the naming of Greenhills breakfast club. The Parent Council voted on this and the winner was ‘Greenhills Yum & Fun Club’.

It was agreed that the Parent Council could access the hall at 1.15pm on Christmas Fair day.

Anne-Marie and Debbie attended the meeting at Duncanrig regarding Parent Councils. Parents from the Parent Councils at most of the feeder primaries are not going on to be part of the Parent Council at Duncanrig when the children move to secondary. Duncanrig want to build relations with the PC’s in all the feeder schools.

**Dates for Meetings**

28th Jan 2019
25th Feb 2019
25th March 2019
20th May 2019

**Agenda for next meeting – TBC**