

# Struthers Primary School



## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2pm

**Present:** Craig Dalziel (Clerk), Lucy Mullan (Chairperson), Gail McKellar (HT), Gail Whyte, Paul Murray (Vice Chairperson), Gillian Garven, Lucy Lockie (Acting DHT), Lynne Houston, Helen Hogg, Susan Geddes and David Bale

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Convery and Cllr Bob Pollock

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Lucy welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Last month's minutes were unanimously approved.

Update from previous minutes – Pantomime has been provisionally booked on early bird offer at Palace in Kilmarnock.

Discussion on photographer – Further discussions to take place on this. Gill asked if a P7 class photo could be taken this year and Mrs McKellar was happy with this.

### 3. Head Teacher Report

Mrs McKellar opened her Head Teacher's report by advising that discussions were ongoing about the potential impact of the Coronavirus. SAC have asked schools to prepare a contingency learning report and teachers will provide daily lessons for online access in the event that schools are forced to close. Gail will upload these to the class pages and under the "HT Update" on the home page of the school website. Gail now has a personal account for group call and is now able to directly contact all parents with information. Staff will have access to emails at home and pupils will have access to their Glow account.

With regard to staffing Mrs Lockie is the new Acting Depute Head Teacher until Easter when she will go off on maternity leave and a decision will be taken as to who will cover this post in due course. Mrs Love continues as Acting Principal Teacher. As it currently stands there should be 12 classes next session, planning has been approved for the new nursery which is now being built off site and will be delivered fully ready.

Other points discussed included:

- New Kindles are up and running and being used for a variety of activities.
- Parental Survey is due for release imminently in digital form.
- New climbing wall delivered and has been risk assessed.
- P6's won the Knex cluster and the debating team won the Marr Cluster competition and also went on to win the Provost debate.
- Ballot has taken place for nursery places.
- School took part in the Shoe Share initiative and across the cluster 1000 pairs were donated.

- Rights Respecting School visit rearranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there had been an initial mix up with the previously agreed date.
- Numerous complaints have been made to the school by residents about inconsiderate parking in Staffin Road by parents, Police are increasing patrols at 3pm.

*(Article 28 “Every child has the right to an education, primary education must be free)”*

*(Article 29 “Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child’s respect for human rights as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.)*

*(Article 31 – Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.)*

#### 4. Fundraising Update

Gail W advised the disco was arranged for next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If parents are able to help can they message the parents page or contact the school direct. Pupils will be signed in at the main door and leave the hall via the fire exit at the side.

Other items discussed included:

- Bag packing was arranged at Morrisons for 16<sup>th</sup> May, hoping to match the £640 raised last time and still looking for additional helpers.
- Sports Day – Bouncy Castle ordered for sponsored bounce, this is from the same company as last year.
- T Shirts have arrived for the swimming gala on Saturday.
- Group are aiming to have a family fun night in June with various activities
- Group are also looking at holding a movie night on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov and another disco in October.

*(Article 15 – Every Child has a right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights)*

*(Article 31 – Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.)*

#### 5. AOB

NIL

#### 6. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2pm.

