Online Parent Council Minutes 28th April 2021

**Present:**

Parent Council Members:

Douglas Archibald, Neil Bennett, Jane Boyce, Wanda-Jane Field, Claire Fitzgerald, James Heron, Pauline Heron, Morag Lamond, Emma McDevitt, Val Redpath, Helena Richards, Diane Sinclair, Jane Taylor, Anna White.

School:

Bruce Robertson

**Apologies:**

Katy Master

**1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Minutes approved from the last meeting and all matters arising covered within Rector’s report.

**2. Chairs Report**

Nothing to report, all circulars received have been shared.

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

The current bank balance is £2,552.48, and £842.87 within the 200 Club.

**4. 200 Club**

1st Prize - £21.60 Emma McDevitt

2nd Prize - £10.80 Elizabeth Landon

3rd Prize - £5.40 Audrey Anderson

**5. Rector’s Report Questions**

The Rector covered the return of students to the school and current requirements. Parents enquired whether children were able to eat lunch within the school before going outside? Rector verified this is acceptable and he is hoping to secure funding for more picnic tables for outside. Parent council discussed other avenues they could try if this funding is not available.

SQA assessments were discussed at length. Parents stressed that the first round of assessments were blocked closely together and many children had two exams on the same day, could they not have been spread out more? The Rector explained the rational behind this, the management team had looked at several options but believed getting the first round of exams processed and marked swiftly enabled the students time to carryout any necessary remedial work before the second round in May. The Rector also verified when the exam dates would be issued.

The 2021-22 Improvement Plan was discussed, and parent council members were asked if there were specific areas they would like to see within the Plan? It was felt that this should be sent to all parents to contribute to if they so wished. Could questionnaires be sent out?

The ‘In Recognition’ cards will start to be awarded this term, teachers have each been issued with two cards to award as or if they see fit. It was asked if these would replace the Student of the Month awards. Many felt that the student of the month awards were repetitive and a more scattered approach was needed. The Rector would feed this back, it may be that the new in recognition cards would replace the student of the month listings. The cards would be launched within school next week and would be for teachers to award for exceptional learning, achievement, or contribution.

**6. Matters raised to discuss.**

Volunteers were sought for the posts of Vice Chair, Treasurer and 200 Club convenor, anyone wishing to take up a position or find out more about it can contact the current incumbent.

The Student Council minutes were sent to parent council members to view. It was felt that these were impressive, properly structured with set out actions including the Bullying policy action group. Refreshing to read that students have witnessed improvements within the school and believe school is now a safer place.

We discussed Chapters 1 and 2 of the Curriculum Book, for those that had managed to read them the question ‘When did we stop teaching?’ arose. Those that had not yet managed to read would attempt to do so soon!

**7. Any other business.**

The Guy Roberts Award was discussed as this has not been awarded this year. The Rector would investigate this.

Pauline briefed the parent council on the cancelled S2 Hockey Tour which should have taken place in April 2020. All monies spent on accommodation and entertainment have now been returned and all payments returned to parents. The players chose individually what to do with the fundraising money that had been collected. £1,014 has been donated for much needed hockey equipment and donations have been made to several charities including the Donkey Sanctuary, Prostate Scotland, and Dementia UK.

8**. Next Meeting 2nd June 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams.**