

Rosehearty School Parent Council Meeting
 Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 6.15pm
 ICT Suite

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Person	Date Required
1.	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u>		
	<p><u>Present</u> Lynne Bruce, Denise Simpson, Jemma McBride, Maria Hatchett, Kylie Stewart, Nichol Gibbon, Sarah Black, Lynsey Beedie, Lisa McIntosh, Vicky Irvine, Amy Millar, Jemma Graham, Emma Beedie, Rachel Ritchie, Sarah Pirie, Mrs Friesen, Mr Taylor.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Claire Beedie, Claire Harper, Dee Noble.</p>		
2.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>		
	Minutes approved by Rachel Ritchie and seconded by Jemma McBride.		
3.	<u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u>		
	None.		
4.	<u>Head Teacher's Report</u>		
	<p><u>Christmas Feedback</u> Thank you to everyone for their support, both the Parent Council and to the Parents. The school feel the schedule for activities worked really well, and the children seemed to have a really good time.</p> <p><u>School Concert Feedback</u> The school requested feedback, which they do every year using the same questionnaire so they can compare year on year. They do this to ensure the concert/performances meet people's</p>	<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>	

<p>expectations and to see if the different levels of sophistication is evidenced depending on the year's performance. This year the feedback was requested via social media instead of a text message to parents, which is considered the reason for the lower numbers in feedback compared to the previous year, however the feedback received was from grandparents who are not directly linked to the school via emails etc, so this was positive.</p> <p>Feedback for the concert was limited however positive overall. Some parents present at the meeting were invited to provide feedback with some sharing that they felt this year's Christmas concert was the "best one they have seen", "amazing", "not too long, perfect", "they all did so well", "Chuffed that the nursery was also involved in the performance..." "It felt like it was a mini panto because they children were that good..."</p> <p>Regarding the comments about the nursery children to sit through the performance on the Thursday, this could not be avoided due to the late response from the Care Inspectorate regarding an exception for the number of children who can be looked after at any time. The Care Inspectorate provide regulations for the number of children allowed in a setting and how many children per member of staff ratio.</p> <p>Mrs Friesen will be looking at this again for next year and made comment to communicate more effectively that parents leave whenever they have seen the performance they want to, and it is okay to take their nursery child with them if this is easier or better for them.</p> <p>The comment regarding the Brass Instruments not having been included in the evening performance, this was due to the Brass Instructor not being available in the evening due to other commitments and it was felt that it would be unfair to the pupils to perform without their instructor.</p> <p>The comments regarding the timings and perhaps making the performances earlier next year have been noted and it was discussed that making it earlier in the evening may impact parents who work more, and it was decided to keep it as it is. It was noted that the time gave the children enough time to have a break from school before returning to then perform.</p>	<p>Mr Taylor</p>	<p>TBC</p>
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	<p>A point was raised about moving the evening performance to the Friday night and Mr Taylor has advised he will ask the staff to see how they feel about that, but due to it being voluntary, he could not say whether this will be possible.</p> <p>All feedback is welcome, and the form is still active and will be shared again on social media to prompt any other parents or attendees to provide feedback.</p>	FYI FYI	
	<p><u>Christmas Service -</u> The Christmas Service held at the Rosehearty Church was enjoyed by all this year, with some carols featuring in both the concerts and the service.</p>	FYI	
	<p><u>Trip to Aberdeen for the Pantomime</u> A big thank you for the support for the pantomime trip because that was a huge success, the children really enjoyed it and experiencing the other schools there on the day, the children were exemplary. A huge thank you for the venue where the children had lunch which was across the road from the Art Gallery in Aberdeen. It has been raised in this meeting whether there could be plans to do this kind of trip again, but this will be raised for discussion at a future meeting.</p>	Mr Taylor	TBC
	<p><u>Communication</u> It was mentioned that the school are looking into changing how they contact parents, reducing the number of emails and reducing the text messages sent to parents as this costs a considerable amount to text parents as it now defaults to both parents.</p>	FYI	
	<p><u>Staffing Update</u> Miss Renz has now returned to her usual school, thank you to Miss Renz for her time spent with us. Mrs McGuckin has returned to the school after her maternity leave, and she will be job sharing with Mrs West from this week (w/c 8th January). Mrs McGuckin will do Monday to Wednesday, Mrs West Thursday and Friday. All non-class contact will be provided by Mrs McConachie.</p>	FYI	

	<p>Ms Summer's, who is a PSA funded by the Pupil Equity Funding, contract has come to an end which is earlier than anticipated. The school does not have any more budget to extend the contract, due to changes in budget allowances from the Council and the backdated pay claims for support staff.</p> <p>The string instructor for lower string (Cello and Double Bass) has left the Instrumental Music Service so there will be no lessons for the foreseeable future until someone can be recruited. There is currently a recruitment freeze by Aberdeenshire Council till the new budget is announced in April 2024.</p> <p>Mr Taylor has advised there is North East Community Music Centre which rehearses on a Wednesday Evening lead by the Brass Instructor Mrs Sneddon, and he advises it is a fantastic thing to be involved in if a child plays a musical instrument.</p>	<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>	
	<p><u>Learning, Teaching and Assessment Framework</u></p> <p>Thank you for the group of parents who came in to provide feedback on the 'Learning, Teaching and Assessment' framework. The feedback taken from the session was that the document was too much "teacher talk" and the staff team will create a pupil and parent friendly version of the framework, and this can be used alongside the teacher version.</p> <p><u>Learning Journals</u></p> <p>The learning journals are used by the nursery currently, and the school have procured a subscription of the Learning Journals account for the entire school. This will allow the school to share learning and profile learning for every child in school. Please look out for information on how to access this account which will be via an app. This is linked to Priority three on the school's improvement plan.</p>	<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>	
	<p><u>Clever Touch Installations</u></p> <p>The installations of the Clever Touch Boards are almost complete with 2 boards being installed next week (w/c 15th January). This will mean every teaching room will have the new software installed. Staff training is still to be arranged in ensure the boards are used to their fullest.</p>	<p>FYI</p>	

	<p><u>Play Based Learning Approach</u> The school is moving towards a Play-Based Approach to learning within the school which includes nursery, P1 and P2. Our P1 and P2 teachers have been going into other schools which are already using a play-based approach to learning and selecting ideas and techniques that they would like to use within the school.</p>	FYI	
	<p><u>ADHD Medication and Referrals</u> NHS Community Health Team have been in touch to all schools in Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City to advise that there is a shortage of ADHD medication and have provided resources should this affect children and families.</p> <p>In addition, the Community Health Team have requested that no more referrals for ADHD assessments are sent to them for a period of 6 months as they have had a 265% increase in referrals with no increase in staffing. The Director of Education will be responding with a letter in due course.</p>	FYI FYI	
	<p><u>Changes in Enhanced Provisions</u> There has been a change in the enhanced provisions by Aberdeenshire Council which results in pupils in Primary 1 and 2 can no longer apply for education in the settings at Westfield, Rainbow Room at the North School and Enhanced Provision base at Sandhaven School. They are to remain in mainstream settings with Aberdeenshire Council increasing PSA provisions in each cluster to support children. Please get in touch with the office if this affects you and you require more information.</p>	FYI	
	<p><u>Shorts and Shades Disco</u> It has been raised to Mr Taylor about the possible return of the Shorts and Shades Disco in Term 4. The Parent Council have agreed they would like to see the return of this also, which mirrors the children's thoughts of having a disco as a reward for the winning house with the most house points. Parent Council will review financial position to see if this can be supported.</p>	Jemma McBride	17 th April

	<p><u>Breakfast Club Pilot</u></p> <p>A letter has been sent to some parents to invite their child/ren to assist in piloting the Breakfast Club Scheme, which is to help children and families who may need extra support by offering toast and juice/water before the school day. All information has been provided in this letter.</p>	FYI	
	<p>Lynne Bruce took the opportunity to thank all the staff for their contributions and efforts in making it a fantastic December and Christmastime for the children and requests that Mr Taylor pass this on to everyone within the school.</p>	Mr Taylor	
	<p>Mrs Friesen took the opportunity to thank the Parent Council in supporting the Early Years Setting Christmas Trip to the Fairy Woods. All the children really enjoyed themselves.</p>		
5.	Fundraising		
	<p>Soup and Sweet – Saturday 24th February – 12-2pm</p> <p>Lynne Bruce to confirm with Darren if he is available to make the soup. If not, Jemma Graham has volunteered to make soup.</p> <p>Lynne will confirm the paperwork, risk assessment, and let for the day.</p> <p>It was decided that we will have:</p> <p>Soup Puddings Homebakes Stalls – including bottle stall, chocolate tombola, black pudding shuffle, lucky dip.</p> <p>Lynne to create a Facebook post to list what is required and to request volunteers for the day. We will also require a wrapping session for the lucky dip.</p> <p>Dress down day will be held on the last day before the half term break where chocolate can be donated. Mr Taylor will include this in the school newsletter.</p> <p>It was raised can the children help with fundraising such as a ‘Guess the Teddy’s birthday’.</p>	<p>Lynne Bruce</p> <p>Lynne Bruce</p> <p>Mr Taylor</p>	

	Photoshoot with Mrs Friesen will be promoted and if it is sold out it will be drawn at the soup and sweet fundraiser.	FYI	
6.	<u>After-School Clubs</u>		
	A parent has come forward to offer football coaching in preparation for the Kessock Football league so this is only applicable to P5, P6 and P7 pupils. As this is a parent volunteering this, it needs to be ran through Active Schools which our coordinator John Cairns is on paternity leave. There will be no provision until his return due to the recruitment freeze. There are some activities running through the school day including Rugby Coaching, Judo tasters sessions and Cricket coaching.	FYI	
	Vicky Irvine has volunteered to start up a Netball After School Club specifically for P4-P7.	Vicky Irvine	
	Lynne raised the possibility of lunch clubs however this does not seem to be feasible due to the 45-minute lunch break the children have. Mr Taylor will approach the staff to see if they are able to offer a lunch club if there is a desire for it.	Mr Taylor	17 th April
7.	<u>Dons Day Out</u>		
	The school have received a letter from Aberdeen Football Club Ticketing Department regarding potential fundraiser for the school through their Family Day Out Scheme. They have advised that every ticket that is purchased through the Dons Day Out Programme, 50% of the priced paid will be returned directly to the school. The tickets are for the Home fixtures, located within the Family Section at Pittodrie Stadium, and may also include face painting and meeting the teams' mascots. There are lots of incentives for the school for their participation as well as receiving 50% of the ticket price back.	FYI	

	<p>Mr Taylor has approached the Parent Council to find out their position on this. This has not been put forward as a potential school trip, but as an opportunity for parents to be informed about the potential fundraising for the school, and to discuss supporting a bus from the village should there be enough interest.</p> <p>Due to the current 'cost of living crisis' it was decided that this may not be something we (Parent Council and the school) can support without approaching the parent body first.</p> <p>Mr Taylor to send out information and set up a survey to see if there is something that would be desired before the school advertises within the school.</p> <p>Should there be support for this, further information will follow on how to take part.</p> <p>We agree this is an excellent idea, with some parents sharing positive experiences having already participated through external activity clubs.</p>	Mr Taylor	
8.	A.O.C.B.		
	<p><u>Rag Bag Bins</u> Rag Bag Bins have continued to be an issue for the school. Mr Taylor has requested not to have another Rag Bag Collection Day as on the last collection day, due to the rain, it was decided not to put out the night before and the company attempted a collection at 4.30am and therefore there was no collection. There have also been items put in or around the bins which are not suitable.</p> <p>Pip Knowles was going to request an additional bin however the school feel this may not be the best way forward.</p> <p>The school will provide regular updates as when the bins are empty/full etc so please check the page before you try to use the bins.</p>	<p>FYI Pip Knowles</p> <p>FYI</p>	17 th April
	<p><u>Wray Thomson Update</u> Lynne has contacted Wray again to find out if it the amount outstanding has been paid. He advised he thought it was already sent to us but will follow up with his accountant again.</p>	Lynne Bruce &	17 th April

	Jemma needs to get a new statement and will check when the new statement comes in or when she gets to the bank to deposit cheques.	Jemma McBride	
	<u>Class Trips</u> Members of staff have indicated that they would like to plan more class trips and will approach the Parent Council should something be relevant to their class learning as the Parent Council are willing to support these trips where possible.	FYI	
	<u>Music Bingo with AJ</u> Dates are still to be confirmed, as previous dates were too close to fundraising already planned. Prices will remain as previous.	Lynne Bruce	
	<u>Parent Council Board</u> The board in the foyer has now been cleared and the Parent Council will start to populate it with information. It was discussed about a QR Code and a Google Document to make it easier for parents and those interested in contacting the Parent Council. Maria volunteered to look into how to create a document and a QR Code. A point was raised about getting the Early Years parents more involved in the Parent Council and now there are more Early Years intake throughout the year, we may need to look into other ways to include parents.	Maria Hatchett	17 th April
9.	<u>Future Meeting Dates</u>		
	Wednesday 17 th April	FYI	
10.	<u>Close of Meeting</u>		
	That being all the business, the meeting was brought to a close by the chairperson.		