

Crudie Parent Council Meeting 9th January 2020

Present – Mrs Rickard, Pamela Bartlett, Jayne Watson, Nicola Davidson, Diane Paton

It was discussed that Jenni Smith had resigned as Chairperson of the parent council, Diane Paton nominated Pamela Bartlett for the position and Jayne Watson seconded it.

Committee members are now as follows:

Chairperson – Pamela Bartlett

Vice Chairperson – Nicola Davidson

Treasurer – Jayne Watson

Secretary – Diane Paton

Treasurers Report

The bank balance as of the 9th January 2020 is £4001.07, with the following amount still to be paid out £501.87.

Head Teacher report

Mrs Rickard reported on what is happening in the school as follows:

Christmas

All the Christmas activities were very successful. Thank you to parents for their support with them all. Apologies that we didn't manage to get Jingle Bells sung at the Christmas light switch on as promised. Feedback on the Christmas light switch on and the lights?

- *Feedback from the parent council on the light switch on was it was good to tie this in with the school event and pull the community together, maybe change the order around so the community come back into the school for Tea/ Coffee after the switch on. Another suggestion was to run a competition within the school to see who would switch the lights on.*

North-East Heritage and Tourism project

Dr Fiona-Jane Brown of the Elphinstone Institute has been in contact with the school on behalf of the University of Aberdeen. We have been asked if we would work with the University of Aberdeen on a heritage and tourism project which they are doing in conjunction with Visit Scotland. They want help gathering local history, reminiscences, traditions and folklore which will feed into new tourism initiatives. Dr Brown filmed the pupils with permission doing their Scottish country dancing. For our part in the project we would like to concentrate on local calendar customs such as Christmas and Hogmanay; modern adaptations of traditional customs and what happens to mark special times of the year.

Burns Assembly

Dr Brown is coming to help me judge the Doric poetry recitals on the 20th January so pupils need to practise before then. As her work in the Elphinstone Institute is based around Doric,

language and culture, she was a suitable person to ask. The Burns Assembly is on Thursday the 23rd January at 1:30pm. The ukulele club is hoping to be able to play a song or two but we may just have the kids singing if we aren't ready!

DYW

We are continuing to look at ways in which we can further our work on developing the young workforce. We have had out a lecturer from the University of Aberdeen Business School to help the P4-7 class with their Enterprise. We also want to utilise our location and Nicola and Andrew Davidson have kindly allowed us to follow their development of the house next door. The plan is to do some site visits (risk assessed beforehand) and watch the progress of the development and then get different people whose jobs are associated with house building, in to talk to the pupils about what they do – for example, builders, electricians, joiners, architects, etc. It also links in nicely with the work P5-7 did with the planning department last session.

Additional expertise

P1-3 are getting a block of rugby provided by Active Schools this term. This will take place on a Friday.

Both classes are going to be getting input from the YMI. A lady is coming up from Edinburgh to do Jazz sessions with both classes. Because she is coming up from a distance she will do 2 afternoons in a row each time and these will be spread out across the next two terms. So there won't be a specific time each week that she is coming in.

P4-7 had YMI input last term also. Feis Rois did Scottish singing and dancing in their project and they made a video. The class will have a trip to Banff Academy at the beginning of February where they will see their video being showcased and other videos from other schools who took part. After this time the video will be made public so we will be able to share the link with you on Seesaw.

Clubs

The ukulele club will finish on the 22nd January. Pupils taking part have enjoyed it and most of them now have their own ukulele.

A stay and play club will be starting up in February after the in-service days on a Tuesday after school.

Local support groups

Some of the other schools in the Turriff Cluster had been asking if there was a need for there to be support groups set up which would support parents with the health and wellbeing or ASN needs of their child. Some parents feel quite isolated and are often judged by others when their child doesn't behave in the expected way even when they have a condition. The idea behind a group was so that people could talk about their feelings in a supportive environment where no-one will judge them and others are in the same boat. Is this something

that Crudie parents would find beneficial? The cluster will be putting out a survey to see if there is a need.

- *Feedback from the parent council was they thought this would be good to put something out to the parents to see if anyone was interested*

Community Café

For the next Community Café slot we thought we would try out something different. We thought we would have a community book swap and make it a reading event. The date will be on the 18th of March. Staff will have discussions around what the event will look like in order to give more information closer to the time. The idea around it is to instil a love for reading in the pupils and allow them to see that this is something they will enjoy into adult hood. Any ideas are welcome.

Open afternoon

As always we will have our open afternoon this term. This will be on Monday the 30th March from 1.30pm. The Jazz lady is going to help the children prepare something to showcase. The topics that are being focussed on are World War 2 in P4-7 and the Vikings in P1-3.

Dalguise

The P6/7 residential trip to Dalguise is on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April. I will be accompanying the children on the trip. Information will be coming out soon about the trip and there will be a parent information meeting held with the date to be confirmed. Pupils will be looking at the activities on offer and having a vote on what they would like to do and this will be put to PGL which is the company that runs it. Mrs Barska will be staying at school with the P4s and 5s and any pupils not going from P6/7.

Head Teacher reduction in hours

No further progress with regards to my reduction in hours from full time down to 4 days a week. There were applicants but as yet the Authority is unable to appoint. The authority have been able to appoint new QIOs though to the vacancies they have in Aberdeenshire and Craig Sim will take over as QIO for Turriff Cluster.

New Smartboard for P1-3

From the Christmas concert, raffles, P1-3 community café and some additional money that has been put aside, the school has got £1500 for a new smartboard. The cost for the one in the P4-7 class was £3370 at the end of 2018 so this may have gone up slightly.

- *Parent council have agreed to meet the remaining costs of the smartboard for the P1-3, this will be ordered as soon as possible.*

Dates for Diary

29th March 2020 – Our Easter Event held at Crudie Primary School, Booking will be essential

30th March 2020 – Next Rag Bag Collection, we accept clothes, shoes, bags and belts, drop off at the school during our collection week.

22nd May 2020 – Family Bingo Night held at Crudie Primary School, Booking will be essential

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19th March 2020 - Next Parent Council Meeting at 2.15pm