

## Minutes of PPC Meeting – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### **Present:**

Iain Wightman (Chair), Rochelle Skotzen , Agata Gluszek-kustusz (P3B), Gemma Robertson, Lee Handley, Steph Johnstone, Robin Fallas, Jo Mowat, Keith Millar, Jane Wilson, Katy Gray, Alison Spiers, Caroline Barker, Sally Williams, Andrew Boyle, Jacqueline Mackenzie

**Apologies:** Julie Campbell, Scott Arthur, Elanor Graham, Gayle Bell

### **1. Minutes from last meeting – No outstanding issues.**

### **2. PPC Roles**

All the club co-ordinator roles are now filled apart from Drama, if anyone would be interested in taking this on please contact Iain. It was suggested we would ask the office to send out a email to ask if anyone would like to come forward.

### **3. Fundraising update:**

Summary of money raised since the last PPC meeting:-

- Bags to school - £102.80
- Summer fayre - £4913.00

The next bag to school has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Fundraising events coming up include:-

- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – non uniform day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Xmas disco
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – non uniform day
- Oct – greetings cards

### **4. Funding Requests:**

JM updated on the container – this is still ongoing as the company needed 3weeks guaranteed no rain fall to get the container onto the field, and also required a disclaimer signed incase the truck got stuck in the mud in the field. We need a new location for the container to go, as the field is not going to work.

The hardship fund was discussed and all agreed that it would increase to £2000. The fund has not been increased for 7 years, everyone agreed this was ok to go ahead.

The cost for trips is to stay at £4.50 per head. It was also agreed that £1500 would go to the indoor experience annual event.

#### **5. School issues:**

Arts & Crafts in school – the whiteboard pens are not coming out of white t shirts / shirts. JM will look into the pens, they should be washable.

Field – Could the cut grass be removed and not left. This is outwith the school control as it is a council issue.

PPC club lets – we have no one to take on the gymnastics this term, the previous instructor can no longer take the club. It has been advised we contact Scottish Gymnastics direct to enquire about a possible instructor.

All the other club lets should be through within the next few days and can all start back before or after the October week.

Parking – Another complaint has been raised about the parking and the speed at which people are driving around the school. Scott has taken this on board and will contact the wardens again to monitor parking during school hours.

#### **6. Head Teacher update:**

Jaqueline Mackenzie showed two slides headed “What makes Pentland Unique” This had been asked to both pupils and adults of the school and will be made live on the school website for everyone to read. There were lots of lovely positive comments and feedback and all the figures were in line with the city percentages apart from speech and language which had a 1% difference.

Two main things of focus are the new software to communicate with parents and being able to inform them of updates of the children at school with photos etc, the staff are in the middle of training for this and it will be live soon. The other focus is we are going to try word boost, which helps everyone within the school, especially children with vocabulary difficulties.

#### **7. Scott Arthur, Councillor update:**

Dripping gutters round at P7, these have been fixed previously, but are dripping again, the council have agreed to fix them.

Fallen tree – from previous post, has been fixed.

Playground at Pentland Community Centre is due to be upgraded.

## 8. A.O.B

Can we pass on to Scott regarding dog's fouling on the paths around the school.

Ski Team – they are looking for some more bibs to be purchased as they are short for the number of children who attend, the PPC agreed and they are happy to support this.

P7 leavers – the £100 was agreed for the leavers fund.

The end of term xmas party food will be paid by the PPC.

It was also agreed to charge the PPC for the engraving of the chess shield.

Football – the P5-P7 have healthy teams, however we could do with more players for P4.

Health and safety point raised by Andrew regarding the inflatable that was at the summer fayre. Next year it would require a barrier round the back of the inflatable guarding the fan.