Cornhill Parent Council

Wednesday the 15th of November 2023 6pm

Present – Mark Evans, Diane Rough, Helen Young, Matthew Edwards, Kateryna Koval and Heather Mackintosh

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Vicky Low, John Edmond and Lyndsey Spiers

3. Head Teachers Report

Two new teachers have started to cover maternity leave and we are currently one teacher down.

The school is busy, with lots going on, through our partners organisations and December. Christmas concerts will have to be spilt again because of the high number of students. Nursery to p3 will be on the 14th with am and pm shows. P4-7 will be on the 12th again with two shows. The kids will get a Christmas lunch on the 13th and go to the panto on the 5th. Nursery will have a Christmas party on the 19th, p1 the 18th, p2 the 18th, p3 the 20th and the p4 - 7 disco will be on the 21st.

The school will ask for a £5 donation from each child to attend the panto and the school will pay the remaining £12.50 per ticket, to ensure that all children are able to participate. The parent council will pay for the buses, expected to be between £1600 and £1800.

The Standards and Quality Report is nearly finished, and a final draft will be ready soon.

The council still have to approve schools opening on Friday the 22nd of December, and Mr Evans is sorry he can not give more information. Heather asked if there were enough teacher, as they might have already booked travel and she was assured there were.

4. Treasurers Report

The Halloween disco made £401.50

Leaving £8,372.88 in the bank.

Vicky handed in some cheques to school, but they have not been used yet, these were for See-Saw, p7 buses, PE equipment and litter pickers for the garden. These are been processed and will come out of the bank soon.

How much are the panto buses? It depends on the final number of buses needed, either £1600 or £1800.

The money from the Christmas fair will be kept in school and Vicky will pick it up next

week.

5. Fundraising

Christmas Fair, Thursday the 16th of November 2023

To be discussed later in the meeting.

Valentines Disco, Wednesday the 7th of February 2024

To be discussed next year.

Summer Fair, Saturday 1st of June 2024

In January we will need to send out a message for volunteers, as we will not be able to run this without extra help. Mark mentioned that a few teachers would be willing to help.

6. AOCB

Heather mentioned that the Aberdeen City Parent Council What's App group were discussing school lunches and in particular children not getting enough food, and was wondering about the children in Cornhill. Mark said that we don't have this problem as we have a canteen on site and the food does not come from another school. If there are any issues the dinner ladies make extra if needed.

Heather also mentioned that a few of the parents on the What's App group were talking about the Street Schools motion. Some schools around the city have had problems with bad driving next to the school and children have been hit by cars. They are hoping to stop drivers driving around school areas at pick up and drop off time. Heather asked if this is something we wanted to be involved in. It was decided that with the location of the school, we probably don't need to, as we only really have problems with people parking where they are not supposed to, not speeding.

7. Fair organisation

We are nearly organised for tomorrows fair. The stall holders are ready, Diane handed over the signs that she had made and a plan for the hall set up. We will have two janitor, who will help us to set up, we will need lots of tables but we can borrow from the p7 classrooms. We need to check with Vicky that we have a float for the raffle, she is taking in all money and food on Thursday. Helen said that she had lots of takeaway tubs at home she could take in to store the float money and Mark is going to look for an extension cable so we can play Christmas CDs in the hall.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday the 15th of May 2024