Cornhill Parent Council

Wednesday 31st of January 2024, 6pm

Present: Heather Mackintosh, Diane Rough, Lyndsey Spiers, Monika Krakowska, Mark Evans, Hazel Cameron, Helen Young, Debashis Dey, Md Mahmudu Islam and Mahmuda Akter.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane welcomed everyone, especially the new people, and explained the importance of a parent council.

2. Apologies

Vicky Low, John Edmond, Matthew Edwards and Sian Edwards.

3. Head Teachers Report

Minor staffing changes, Miss Buckley replacement has started. Lee from RADs has left, and was replace by Bradley, the kids loved Lee.

It has been a busy term with lots of activities for the children: Scottish music for p4, skiing for p6, plastic peabones, this was for p5/6 but they asked to give up so this was given to another p6 class, P4 going swimming. Dr Bike, Adventure Aberdeen, SMU radio, EAL, autism outreach, two councillors and Bernardos have also visited.

Two parent evenings are coming up.

Quality Assurance visit, feedback was positive, consistency outstanding practice, culture, ethos, recognition and training.

4. Treasures Report

We made a profit of £339.85 from the Christmas fair

We paid the school £1,800 for the bus to take the children to the panto.

Leaving a total of £4,912.73 in the bank

6 - Fundraising

The parent council is once again asking for EE Pounds for Primaries tokens to try and raise some money for the school, it was agreed that this was a good way to raise money for the school and a great way for all in the community to get involved.

Valentines disco

Diane explained the disco and what helpers were needed. A parent asked if nursery children were also invited, unfortunately the answer was no as there are too many school children. Everything is organised for the disco in 2 weeks.

Summer fair

Diane explained how this was great fun, brought in lots of money, and that we would like to host again but it requires lots of helpers. We had asked for helpers but did not get many offers. It was thought that we could send out another email requesting helpers, but with a tick box rather than asking parents to email. Debashis offered to make up a google form. The google form would ask them if they can help with the organisation, setting up the fair on Friday and Saturday, manning a stall and tidying up after.

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A large number of staff have offered to help if they are free, and we could ask p7s to help man stalls and run games some of the P6 children would like to make clay bracelets.

7. AOCB

We have a lot of school uniforms under the stage, parents are donating items, but not taking much of it. Are people embarrassed? In other schools they have the uniforms in the foyer for parents to always help themselves to, but we do not have the space. Maybe we need to rebrand the event, so that there is no stigma. Maybe create a reduce, reuse, recycle poster stating that the clothes are clean and in good condition? Maybe more will go near the end of the school year, when children outgrow their old clothes.

Attracting new members

Most members of the committee's children are in p6 and p7, so we urgently need a recruitment drive.

We need to speak to the disco helpers. Maybe split up the jobs? Advertise what we do with a visual poster, including what we pay for, displaying the poster on the disco door, email and website.

Lots of schools have a What's App Representative for each class, and they feed back into the parent council meetings.

Do new children get a parent council leaflet highlighting the benefits? Yes, also Heather to attend the p1 induction.

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8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday the 15th of May 2024