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Date: Monday 12th June 2023
Location: Teams
Time: 6.30pm
Subject: Parent Council Meeting

In attendance:

Staff:	Sheona Allen (HT) Jill Donald	Hilary Roddick	Lorraine Donnelly
Parents:	Lyndsey Saunders (Chair)	Lousie Thompson (Vice Chair)	Angela McGhee (Clerk)
	Nic McColm Louise Thompson	Jennifer McDonald Maureen Matheson Jill Penman	Louise Thompson Joyce Thomson Mr Kassimkulov

Apologies: Susan Tate Justine Currie Joslyn Currie

1. Welcome & Minutes from Previous Meeting

Chair, welcomed all, asked if everyone had read through the minutes sent and as per PC guidelines, asked for two witnesses to confirm they were accurate – Louise and Emma attested to this.

2. Head Teachers Report

Standards & Quality report

This is the report written in consultation with staff. The report was submitted on 9th June and sent out to staff to review and has now been added to the website so is available for the whole parent body to read.

Everything feeds into the School Improvement plan which is also available for perusal on the school website

New “Be determined” value now in place and children all well versed with what this means.

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National Improvement framework

In all areas almost all children have achieved the appropriate level in reading, writing, listening and talking and numeracy. There are a high number of children in P1, P4 and P7 who have exceeded the appropriate levels and a new focus is to look at how many children we can get who are exceeding the national target.

Self-evaluation

Lots of self-evaluation done throughout the year across the school. Based on the evidence we have from 5 years ago, where we were “good” we are now “very good” and where we were “satisfactory” we are now “good”

MM said from reading the report it states that the school has made “reasonable progress” but she feels like the school is actually doing better than this based on what she has seen/experienced. HT said that there were other things they wanted to achieve within the “good communication” mandate such as drop ins with parents and little networks of groups, and this is the goal for next year.

EH asks how the self-evaluations work – the scale of very good or good, how is this determined? HT explains that this is HMIE speak: unsatisfactory being the lowest and excellent meaning sector leading. Worth looking at the HMIE website for more information. The authority wants all inspections to be good or above.

LT points out that with over 90% of the children achieving or exceeding the national attainment average it doesn't seem right to only have the rating as “good”. HT said they are not ready to say very good just yet!

SIP

- 1: Raising attainment through high quality learning teaching and assessment in writing.** HT explains that writing is very difficult to teach so this year staff are going over how to teach writing pedagogy. Pamela Eadie is out of class working with PEF children and targeted groups.
- 2. Reading into maths and writing** – again working with PEF children and targeted groups.
- 3. Communication** - how do we engage with parents. PEF children tend to have lower attendance rates and parents often don't attend parent's nights or meet the teacher evenings. Work to be done on engaging with these families,

Looking ahead to 2024/25 – once we have spent the time on writing we will be looking at the whole curriculum specifically music and the arts.

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PHOTOGRAPHS & FILMING

The school has a strict photography and filming policy however multiple parents were asked to stop taking photographs or filming at the recent sports day and staff were given a hard time. Chair advises that the PC need to support the school with this.

EH advises that nothing was mentioned prior to this event.

HT said that these are not new rules and that announcements were made at the start of the sports day however these will be reiterated in advance of future events.

HOMEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE

There is no update on this, suggestion made that this is put on hold until the new term with plan to meet with the new Learning Committee in the school to plan the next stage. Chair asks that the Subcommittee come to the AGM with the plan of what is being proposed to ask the children and staff however it must include the same homework question we asked the parents. This must be a priority for the new term.

PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Proposal to go back to 2 members per year group. Email will be sent early in the new term to try and get some new members. Important that the Parent Council is balanced and represents as many of the children/parents as possible.

JMcD ask how we can encourage more people to join

HT suggests a bit more school involvement; in person events, more informal gatherings and a presence of the parent council at school events.

PC agree that online meetings should continue for the moment as they are much easier to manage with day-to-day family life.

Meeting brought to a close with AGM scheduled for 11th September 2024