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Date: Monday 22nd April 2024
Location: Teams
Time: 6.30pm
Subject: Parent Council Meeting

In attendance:

Staff: Rona Wallace HT Lorraine Donnelly DHT Elaine Gardiner DHT

Parents: Lyndsey Saunders (Chair) Shirley-Anne Brightman (Clerk)
Catherine Paterson David Munn Diana Dundas Emma Henderson
Jill Penman Laura Kennedy Joyce Thomson Nicola Scott
Oluwakemi Oluwunmi Jennifer Macdonald

Apologies: Louise Thompson (Vice Chair) Lindsey McDiarmid Maureen Matheson
Jill Donald Joslyn Currie Heather Dickson

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

1. HT Update – Rona Wallace

Lunches

Dates should be on school menus going forward. Children changing their choice continues to be a challenge but SLT is working with the catering team to provide photos of meal choices so children can see examples. Some photos were shared which were taken by a pupil in the lunch hall on a smart watch. HT asked parents and children to strictly observe the mobile phone and smart watch school policy which does not allow pupils to take photos in the public area of the school. This is a serious safeguarding issue and HT would like to underline her concern.

Use of Microsoft Teams and Permissions

MS Teams is an internal interface. Communications regarding internal and external permissions for photos of children will outline usage of Teams and social media platforms for next school year.

Crossing patrols/parking

SLT will continue a presence in the car park to ensure the safety of pupils and proper use of disabled, nursery and bus parking areas. For events during the school day such as assemblies, signage on the school gateposts states no access. Events outwith these hours (parents evenings, lets, PTA events), parents are asked to use common sense, to be considerate to others and have a mutual respect with school staff to ensure all members of the school community are kept safe.

Trim Trail

Dates for the resurfacing of the trim trail area are still to be confirmed. Looking at this happening in the summer holidays so long as quotes offer value for money. HT to seek update on previous communication on this.

PTA Meeting

HT has requested the PTA create a position statement regarding their intended spend. Currently, the PTA funds P7 hoodies, pantomime, subsidies for end of year trips for some stages and last year funded Operation Play Outdoors. HT is keen that money raised is spent well.

2. Homework Subcommittee

Following survey results from parents, staff and pupils, the school is putting together a new homework policy to be communicated and in place from August 2024.

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3. Parent Council Office Bearers

The Parent Council's Chair and Vice Chair intend to step down after the AGM. The Parent Council will be looking for new office bearers. It was suggested that a communication is made to parents outlining what the commitment entails.

4. AOCB

No further items arising. Date of next meeting – 3rd June 2024 via Teams. Any agenda items to PC by Friday 24th May please.