**Minutes of the Strathesk Parent Partnership**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wed 21st November 2018**

Parent Representatives Present: Vacant Post Chair

Correen Hope Vice Chair

Wendy Henderson Joint Treasurer

Susan Henderson

Christine Whatford

Linda Young

Marna Mesbahi

Stephanie McLenaghan

Jessica Day

Richard Biggs

Hayley Birchmore

Susan Duthie

Karen Cooper Clerk

Staff Representatives Present:

Vicky Donaldson

Leigh Henderson

Emily Reynolds

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| 1. | **Apologies** – Andy Wilson  Ali Turbit  Deborah Kinnaird |  |  |
| 2. | **Chairperson Update** – Correen welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of Parent Partnership and listed some of the purchases and events at the school which the Parent Partnership either funds/contributes towards or actively supports. | Correen |  |
| 3. | **Treasurers Update** – Wendy Henderson provided a current balance of £1737.06  (monies for Disco’s to be collected from school office, counted and banked) | Wendy | Wendy |
| 4. | **Head Teacher’s Update** –  Vicky was delighted to welcome some new parents to the meeting. She explained that normally at meetings she would provide an overview on the school, cover learning, teaching, health and wellbeing, staffing and other issues.  School ticking along nicely.  Teachers all involved in working parties tasked to develop areas: Health and Wellbeing, PE, Literacy/Numeracy, Early Level and Learning and Teaching.  There is also to be a planning session to look at reviewing current curriculum programmes for context suitability and relevance.  Vicky spoke about the ‘Bookman’ visit being a great success and how it captivated the imagination of all the children from P1 – P7.  Rehearsals have begun for the Nativity performances.  There is to be a special Celebration Assembly for Mrs Agnew on Fri 30 November. PP and school to liaise regarding purchase of jewellery set as gift.  **Nursery**  Vicky and Debi spoke about the nursery expansion and that from January next year the nursery becomes part of the government’s scheme to increase free childcare hours from 600 hours to 1140 hours per year. This will be a significant change for all concerned. In January 2020 nursery will cater for usual AM/PM children and will pilot a scheme for 16 fully resourced children 1140 hours. Further meetings planned.  Mrs Mitchell has now left the Hub and had a lovely send off.  **Staffing**    Mrs Agnew’s replacement Mrs Carr will start on the 10th December.  Funding has also been approved for 3 Full time Learning Assistants. Interviews in next few days. | Vicky  Wendy  Vicky  Debi |  |
| 6. | **Funding Requests –** Leigh Henderson requested £500 contribution for the ‘Bookman’ visit. | Leigh | Wendy |
| 7. | **Other Activities/Events**  **Halloween Disco’s -** A discussion took place regarding the recent school disco’s. It was the general consensus that the Halloween disco environment and noise had frightened quite a few of the younger children and that next year perhaps a disco/party during the school day may be more suitable for them with an evening disco being held for the older children.  **Parent Consultations & Book Fair**  Great turn out, very successful.  Vicky briefed that the whole ‘Reporting’ system is to be changing, as the current ‘end of year report’ does not adequately reflect a child’s learning journey through school. The shared Learning approach is preferred with Parent/Teacher/Child, meeting model being viewed as good practice along with the ‘child being in charge of their learning.’ Focus will also be placed on wider achievements outside school in the pupil profile.  A good number of parents were approached by PP whilst at the school for the consultations and many provided contact details and offers of assistance at future events/fundraising activities. | Vicky  Marna |  |
| 8. | **Elections**  Correen spoke about the different positions within the Parent Partnership, which had to be filled at the AGM.  Following discussion the newly elected committee were agreed as follows:  Chair: Mrs Hayley Birchmore  Vice Chair: Mrs Marna Mesbahi  Treasurer: Mrs Wendy Henderson and Mr Andy Wilson  Clerk: Miss Karen Cooper | Correen |  |
| 9. | **Christmas Fair – Fri 30th Nov**  Wendy provided an update on progress being made towards the Christmas Fair.  Prizes already held:  Xbox1 plus Game  Scooter  MOT @ Leadburn Garage  £25 Voucher for Seabird Centre  Voucher for Butterfly World  Voucher for Falkirk Wheel  £20 Tesco Voucher  £10 Voucher for Giovanni’s Restaurant  Xbox1Game  2 x Kites  Waterslide for garden  Two Panto Tickets  Christmas Fair letter has gone out.  Raffle Tickets have gone out to pupils.    Nativity Sleigh for Santa confirmed.  Skanska now informed of access requirements to school grounds via back gate on the day.  100 books for Santa gifts purchased and being wrapped.  Vicky was requested to ask teachers if they could each donate a bottle for the bottle Bag Stall. TBC  Richard Biggs will try a contact at Stewarts Brewery for raffle donation  Christmas Fair Banner to be put up on Monday 26th November.  Volunteers needed for Tombola, entrance, hampers, tea/coffee, sweetie jar, raffle, cakes & bottle bag stall. | Wendy  Correen  Karen  Wendy  Vicky  Richard | School Office phoned to notify Janitor by Karen |
| 10. | **Date of next meeting:**  Mon 14th Jan @ 6pm |  |  |