**Minutes of the Strathesk**

**Parent Partnership Meeting**

**Wed 24th April 2019**

Parent Representatives Present: Hayley Birchmore Chair

Marna Mesbahi Vice Chair

Heather Kerr

Susan Duthie

Karen Cooper Clerk

Staff Representatives Present: Mandy McConnachie

Leigh Henderson

Debi Black

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| 1. | **Apologies** – Vicky Donaldson  Wendy Henderson – Joint Treasurer  Susan Henderson |  |  |
| 2. | **Chairperson Update** – Hayley welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a quick overview of the previous minutes | Hayley |  |
| 3. | **Treasurers Update** – In the absence of both Treasurers it was estimated the cash at bank was approx. £2500. |  |  |
| 4. | **Head Teacher’s Update** –  Mandy explained that whilst Ms Donaldson was off, the school continued to run smoothly as there are 3 Depute Head Teachers and 2 Principal Teachers to deal with the management side of running the school. Ms Donaldson is likely to remain off until the summer.  **HMI** – In the near future the school is likely to be inspected by HMI. Although the exact date is unknown the school will receive two weeks notice prior to the inspection. During the process a questionnaire will be sent to parents and teachers. HMI encourage partnership and development the inspection is not intended to be negative or cause anxiety to the children.  They place emphasis on self -assessment and valuation and encourage this even when not being inspected.  **Jammin Andy** – The school has been taking part in workshops provided by Jammin Andy a motivation speaker, during his lively sessions he promotes:  A positive mind-set, sports legacy, movement and dance, coaching via literacy, interviewing to show domino effect, all aimed at developing confidence.    The children have really enjoyed the sessions and the school aim to continue to work on the progress after the workshops finish.  **New Annual Report Format** – The current reporting process is to be updated to make it more personal. The changes will include:  3 parent/child/teacher consultations per year.  Build up Pupil Profiles throughout the year to allow parents to know more about their child’s education.  Pupil Profiles to be used during consultations.  Children to attend consultations.  Utilise the Strathesk Toolkit.  It is a work in progress and the school wants opinions and feedback from parents on what format the report should take. It has to be achievable for P1’s as well as the older children.  Busy Term for P7’s and P6’s with Camps ‘Netherurd and Benmore on the horizon. Also the P6’s performance of ‘Oliver’.  **Composite Classes** – A general discussion took place on Class size and whether there would be composite classes next term. Mandy and Leigh said it was a possibility, however, it would not be decided until final pupil numbers were known for the P1 intake.  **Nursery** – The nursery is very busy with Pre School Parent Consultations, P1 Transitions, preparing for graduation, sports day and the Almond Valley trip. They are also looking after the ‘Live Eggs’ (purchased by the PP) and eagerly awaiting the arrival of some chicks.  Debi also explained that the criteria for Full Time child care is continuing to develop and by 2020 all children will be Full time with 30hrs a week free child care being available at either a private nursery, catchment nursery with the option to share between both. | Mandy  Mandy  Mandy  Mandy & Leigh  Mandy  Mandy & Leigh  Debi Black |  |
| 5. | **Fundraising** – Several ideas were put forward as possible future fundraising events. These included:  Spring or Summer Fair.  Monthly dress down day in exchange for £1.  Teddy Bear Picnic for P1 –P3 in exchange for a £1.  P4 –P7 disco.  P1 –P3 Jammy Party in Atrium. (PP would provide Freddo and Crisps/Juice for both)  1st week in June (Classroom party with parents donating home baking to sell) | Hayley |  |
| 6. | **Other Activities/Events** –  End of May dress down day Hawaiian theme.  Hunter and Lass visit – due at end of May with horse. | Mandy/  Leigh |  |
| 7. | **Parent Partnership Communication** – a general discussion took place regarding School Apps. Hayley is currently trialling ‘Class List’ and encouraged other parents to also trial it. Mandy and Leigh confirmed that use of an App hadn’t been ruled out but further re-search on what is available, the cost and whether it would be approved for procurement, by Midlothian Council would be necessary. There would also need to be a discussion regarding the administration of such an App should one be approved. | Hayley/ Mandy |  |
| 8. | **P1’s Sport** **Bags** - It was agreed that the PP would purchase Sport Bags for the new P1 intake. (Numbers tbc). |  |  |
| 9. | **P7 Leaver’s Gift** - It was agreed to purchase t-shirts for this years leavers and to provide next years P7’s with a coloured P7 ‘Leavers Hoodie’ at the beginning of the term. |  |  |
| 10. | **P7 Prom 26 June** – A general discussion took place regarding future P7 Proms, as many felt the children would prefer a disco instead of the disco/ceilidh format. It was decided that the children should be asked what they would prefer. |  |  |
| 11. | **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 23 May @ 6pm. |  |  |