Skene School Parent Council

Thursday 16th January 2020

**Apologies and introduction**

* In Attendance: Lynne Pirie (Chairperson) Jo Cruickshank (Treasurer) Lynne Docherty (Secretary) Mrs Blackwood (Head Teacher) Michelle Law (Acting Head Teacher), Sinead Hanley, Ali Laurie, Fiona Reid, Lindsay Thomson, Jennifer Doel and Miss Richards (student).
* Apologies: Lorraine Grant, Louise Aitken, Judith Bell

**Review of minutes from previous meeting**

* The previous meeting minutes were reviewed.
* A letter has been sent to Papillion about the school playground equipment. We are awaiting a response.
* The car park situation has improved but there are still some issue -reversing onto a 60mph road and parking on the yellow zig zag lines.
* A letter has been sent to Moira Lawson about the drastic cut in support this year - we await her reply.
* Proposed by: Sinead Hanley and Ali Laurie. – Seconded by: Fiona Reid and Lindsay Thomson

**Treasurer’s report and update**

* The current bank balance is just under £4000
* There have been several fundraisers recently including the Bingo night (£360) and advent calendar raffle (£100)
* We have raised just over £900 in 2 months

**Head teacher update**

* The school role is currently sitting at 81 pupil, with 2 families enquiring about places this week.
* P1 induction week is underway with 13 possible new starts joining after the summer.
* A new PSA Mrs Frain has started this term, and we join the school in wishing her a warm welcome.
* P7 Transition is underway.
* The school continues to support university students with Miss Richards working with P6/7, Miss Roderick in P5/6 and Miss McDougall coming in February to work with P1/2.
* Christmas celebrations went well, especially Christmas Chaos Day which may become an annual event. Thanks to parents/helpers during this time.

**Funding Request**

* A school parent has approached the school with a possible funding opportunity. The school are deciding how the school would best benefit from this, one idea is a projector for the school gym hall. The school will calculate costs and update the PTC.
* The netball coaches have asked for a new netball kit, the parent council will pay for this; although donation requests will be sent to local community groups to help fund.
* The PTC will also pay for P6 sailing again this year.
* The concerned councillors have asked for ‘own pick’ books in the library for the P1-4 classes, the PTC have allocated £200 for this.
* The school would like to add fencing to the area between the playground and car park, wood and paint are needed. Maybe local suppliers would be willing to give donations for this project.
* The school also asked for help to cover the cost of the annual subscription for Sumdog, the PTC have agreed, costing £224.10.
* The school are hosting Health Week, covering areas including Mental, Social, Emotional and Physical health. Activities include hip-hop, active schools are getting involved with table tennis and Choi-Kwangdo and healthy eating. First aid training will take place also, the school have asked for first aid training for the lower school, costing £50 – this will be covered by the PTC.
* The PTC will cover costs for tea/coffee for the beetle drive which aims to raise money for Endangered animals in Australia.

**Fundraising**

* **Race Night**
* The PTC will organise only one fundraising event per term, with this terms event being a Race Night on the 14th of March in the Milne Hall from 6:30 -9pm, the event aims to be an interactive family affair.
* Each race will be sponsored at a cost of £25 (sponsors needed!) and each race will also have horses and jockeys available to buy.
* On the evening bets will be taken for each race. There will also be a raffle and bottle/sweet toss at half time.
* If anyone can sponsor a race, please get in touch with Ali Lawrie (Ella’s mum) with details.
* A poster will follow with all information shortly.

  **Fun Day**

* This years Fun Day/Football Tournament will take place on the 6th of June from 10-1pm (times to be confirmed)

 **Netball Tournament**

* Skene’s netball tournament will take place on the 12th of May after school from 4-6pm. Details will follow

**Car Park**

* The car parking has been better. Just a reminder that parking at the school has to be in a designated space. There has been several occasions where cars have reversed out onto the road, a reminder that this is incredibly dangerous and illegal. There is also no parking on the zig zag lines on the half mile at any time, ny breaches should be reported to police Scotland on 101.

**AOB**

* A parent has asked if the coffee morning can be reinstated. The school feel that this could be organised by the parent council. A date for this will follow shortly.

**Date of next meeting**

* The next meeting will take place on Thursday 30th of April from 2-3pm.