



Friends of Pitmedden School **Minutes 18th April 2018**

Present: J. Hill, C. Morrison (Chair), K. Trim, F. Mitchell, M. Ford (minutes)

Apologies: F. Fraser, A. Dundee, V. Carpenter, J. Noble, M. Ritchie, M. Baguley, J. Watt, E. Kinghorn, G. Basu

Minutes taken by M Ford

1. Approval of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Matters arising

- Library helpers is still an issue. CM contacted Udney Community Trust - unfortunately they did not know of anyone who would be available to help. JH had tried to extend to grandparents as children could learn so much from them and they could support reading, activities in the allotment. This issue is ongoing.
- There is an issue surrounding parent helpers for the Edinburgh trip next week there are not enough. More helpers to be asked for.
- The photos for the solar panels could not be taken as the weather was too bad. To be re-arranged.
- The behaviour policy is finalised and distributed to parents. The behaviour pupil group will present the new policy to all the children at assembly.
- OOSC - there is a continued issue regarding securing places with a three year waiting list. MF fed back that the local authority lead had responded noting that there was no plans at present to extend the service. Discussions surrounded the increased demand due to further housing proposals and it was agreed that FOPs would write a letter (Action – MF). There was also some discussions about getting other parents to sign this or a petition.
- The football goals are not the right size, however the P 2 -3 would like to play with them. The school will purchase the metal goals.
- The speaker has been tried and it sounds great inside. It needs to be tried outside. Discussions regarding how to put music on to it and synching with other devices. It was agreed that FF may be able to help put music on to it. There was discussions about the benefits of Spotify – less storage space and can be set up for age appropriate music.
- The safety railing has been installed at the nursery and the spring hinge on the gate is fitted.
- FOPs newsletter is ongoing

2. Head Teachers Report

Please see attached report.

3. Treasures Report

KT fed back information surrounding current balance and JH shared some outstanding bills. £219 was raised at the school disco. A full treasury report will be completed following the Duck Race. The nursery have forwarded some items for consideration for funding discussed below.

4. Update on Container - Grant Application

CM and FF have been working on this and have started an application to Udney Community Trust. KT will also add information to the application and FF has quotes in. There are also quotes for shelving and cranes. Once shelving etc. is agreed the layout will be discussed and agreed. Touch lighting will be available but no power.

5. Duck Race Update

- FM is speaking to the popcorn machine vender tomorrow (19.04.18)
- A plea for parent helpers has gone out on email and Facebook. Help is required on the Friday night for setting up; in particular parents with vans
- JH will attend
- Ray will be speaker and provide background music
- JH said the big speaker could be used and there is power
- Posters required, the children are already working on this
- Prizes have been purchased for the poster competition
- Lisa Lollipop has been booked for 2 hrs
- The tennis and bowling will be open
- Food is soup and hot dogs
- Ticket sales are underway (see MR for distributing)
- JN has identified men that will go into the water on the day
- Food hygiene certificates are in place
- Raffle tickets are bought
- There are a number of stall and AD is doing a rota
- The duck banners are ready to go out (KT)
- The poster will go out via email and Facebook to advertise

6. Progress with Parent Class Representatives

JH shared that she had seen a really good poster by a parent council in another school which might attract parental involvement – it used an array of words to describe what the parent council did and it looked really good. This is something FOPs could consider to advertise further what they do. VC has spoken to the children about parent representatives as has JH. FF has put together a description outlining the role. There was suggestions about informally approaching other parents to gain interest and thinking more about poster.

7. Requests for Spending

- Nursery had forwarded items for funding, most of these were agreed.
- There was discussions about building a wooden house for nursery and it was suggested that MenShed could help with this (CM to contact).
- The children would like a resource to support learning French 'Camembert' which is activity based and this was agreed.
- It was also agreed that P7 could have funding towards their leaving party at the school (£30.00).

8. AOB

There was discussions about funding ideas. JH fed back that she had made contact with a gold medallist commonwealth games winner and British Champion in Judo who would come in during fitness week and potentially the children be sponsored to do fitness / circuits as part of this. It was felt that this was a really good idea that the children would like to engage with. This would be in place of the sponsored walk.

The Co-op funding application was also discussed and it was agreed that this would be another useful avenue for funding (KT and MF to complete) as it is community based / led.

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 16th May 2018, 6.45pm at Pitmedden Primary School.