

Minutes of Kingswells Parent Council Meeting

Online – Google Meet Code: KWSPC

Date & Time: Monday 2nd November 2020, 6.30pm

1. Present: Moira MacIver (HT), Ashleigh Cameron (Chair PC), Gillian Graham (Secretary PC), Fiona Allan (Vice Chair PC), Rachel Watson (Treasurer PC), Gillian Walls, Anne Goss, Steve Delaney (Councillor), Dionne Cran (DHT), Laura Flett, Tina Ndoumbe, Tracey Birse, Patrick Mikhall Murray, Olivia Smith (P7 Pupil), Adam Hussain (P7 Pupil)

Apologies: Debbie Smart

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Some reports are still to be added to the minutes taken at the AGM so we currently cannot approve them yet. This will be addressed at the next PC meeting.

3. Parent Council Business

a) Look at SQUIP: P7 Pupils on SIP

Tonight, we were joined in the meeting by two P7 Pupils Olivia Smith and Adam Hussain. Olivia talked about what is different at school currently due to COVID19. Olivia said that the teachers now wear face masks and have to be socially distanced from the children. Adam talked about what was the same. He said that they still do group work and enter via the same door and that they still see their friends at lunch and break.

Olivia and Adam then presented 3 slides on SIP and talked us through them.

Slide 1: Olivia said she can involve her parents in her learning using Seesaw and family tasks.

Adam said he can understand SHANARRI and can evaluate his wellbeing

Slide 2: Olivia can give and receive high quality feedback.

Adam can use technology to enhance his learning and can stay safe online

Slide 3: Olivia can lead her own learning and have a say in decision making in the school.

Adam can encourage other pupils to have their say

The pupils were thanked for their contributions and congratulated on how well they spoke and delivered the information to the adults present at the meeting.

Olivia and Adam left the meeting at 7.07pm

b) How we will form Parents part

Ashleigh spoke about what we, the school, will focus on this year, in regard to the SQUIP report (can be found on the school website) PC to focus on Page 31-37.

Parents have to engage more with online safety with home schooling and the use of Google Classroom and Seesaw.

A few parents to look at the report and identify 5 or 6 points that can be discussed at the next PC meeting.

Page 35 of the report is Individual Learning Plans that will affect some pupils but not all.

c) Parental Engagement in the ASG

ASG is where Police, Community Representatives, Social Work, KCC Nurse and other agencies all meet to discuss issues – Moira Chairs this.

d) Parent Council Communication – Whatsaap, Twitter, Facebook

Focus is on Parental Engagement and what parents are looking for more participation with virtual evenings – questionnaires to be sent out same as ASG. It was thought that keeping as many avenues of communication open in order to reach as many parents as possible was the best way forward.

Currently the PC twitter account is not managed just now – Ashleigh has the Twitter account details from Sarah Christie, who looked after it previously but needs someone to take it over.

Facebook is more widely used amongst parents and Ashleigh posted there regarding tonight's meeting.

School website updated daily regarding all school issues if you sign up on the school website you can receive notifications of any new posts.

PC to ask parents for feedback on how they would like to be contacted and what they want to know.

PC have to complete ACC Health check which we have to rate ourselves this is hard to do via computer meeting Ashleigh asked the questions and we all agreed a number, Ashleigh will complete the form.

All school year groups are represented in the PC, all office bearers are in place.

4.PTA Update

Co-op funding is now secured.

Fundraising so far was during October holidays there was a photo session with Susan Rennee, end of term dress up day and the Cauliflower cards. Elf shelf is going ahead after changes have been made to how this can be achieved in school and within guidelines.

5.Finance Update

Current balance is £453.92 – No expenditure and income of 3p from interest.

There has been an issue with the signatories for RBS, originally RBS lost the paperwork that was submitted in January 2020 in branch, so these were submitted again in May 2020 using their online system. A letter was received in July 2020 from RBS requesting information which was duly submitted and despite constant chasing there has been no further response from RBS.

Currently we have an account with RBS Acc No: 00177378 Sort Code: 83-15-31 the signatory on this is Anne Goss but we require Ashleigh Cameron (PC Chair) and Rachel Watson (PC Treasurer) to be added and we also require Sarah Christie and Pamela Nathaniel to be removed. It was also noted that both Anne & Rachel would only remain on the PC this academic year as their youngest children are now in P7. The possibility of changing banks to allow for online banking was also discussed.

It has been agreed that RBS will be given 4 weeks to sort this out and respond if still nothing the PC will look to take our services elsewhere.

6. Councillors Report

Travellers' site at the bottom of Brimmond Hill has raised a lot of issues, mainly rubbish and fierce dogs, meaning people are unable to access Brimmond Hill. Steve said the issue is that it is private land, owned by Transport Scotland and not ACC. They are both working together to find a resolution to the issues. AWPR Junction has been upgraded and Traffic Lights have now been installed. Road closure on Kingswells to Cults road is in place until December has caused major issues due to other roadworks occurring on the diversion routes. Steve asked PC if there were any queries or issues – none raised.

7.Head Teacher Report

See Moira's attached Report: [Head Teacher's Report 2-11-20](#)

Since school has returned the focus has been on Numeracy, Literacy and HWB. Kids feel the topics they cover in class is what they miss so this is to be introduced.

Overall, both pupils and staff are happy to be back in School. P1 have all settled very well to school life. There have been some behaviour issues, particularly in the upper stages, which is unusual for Kingswells but is being dealt with. It is thought that they are missing the positivity and promotion of positive behaviour that came from the assemblies attended pre-COVID and there is now a focus on promoting the school values, with certificates and celebration with SMT- hot choc treat.

The School held its 1st virtual Assembly which had good positive feedback and both children and teachers liked seeing each other on the screen. During the assembly, a child from each class was awarded a Value Certificate

Aberdeen City Council will fund Digital Resources and P6 and P7 are going to get 1:1 Chrome books which is 169 in total. This will benefit the whole school as then iPad and chrome books they currently use can be used in other areas of the school.

Unfortunately, Mrs McDonald resigned at the start of the term, the supply teacher who covered applied and is now a permanent member of staff. A 3 day PSA job was advertised and there were over 130 applicants. There is currently a backlog in Disclosure forms being processed.

AAB have kindly bought a small Clan Lighthouse for Kingswells School which the P3 class are decorating.

Due to COVID19 this year the school will not hold any Concerts but are hoping to have a virtual pantomime.

Face coverings are now required when dropping off and picking up children at the school its vital that this is adhered to due to the limited space in Kingswells School

8.AOB

None

9.Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th December 2020 6.30pm