

Kingsland Parent Council AGM
Tuesday 15th September 2020

PC Members in Attendance: David Griffiths, Jaqueline Wilson, Susan Ward, Kathryn Mcbean, Heather McKay, Mr Charles, Ben Smith, Zoe Watson, Ciara Keneally, Lindsey Mowat, Laura Grant
Also in attendance Claire Prenton, Yvonne Whitehouse, Judy Gibson

1. Introduction of PC members
2. Slide show presentation from David Griffiths on the Parent councils role and function
3. Treasurers report
 - In process of changing to online banking
 - No summer fair so fundraising is down significantly
 - Any ideas for remote fundraising welcome.
 - Please if parents shop online could they sign up to easy fund raising and support Kingsland primary school.
Total profit for 2019/20 was £2534 profit (£9250 for 2018/19)
 - All income & expenses detailed on accounts – accounts have been audited.
 - Now we have become a charity accounts will be audited annually
 - Accounts approved by all members of PC
4. Christmas cards order has been completed and sent to Christmas card company
5. Mrs Wilsons report
 - total 345 pupils, 11 class teachers.
 - Increased to 1140 hours in ELC August 2019- staff increased from 4 to 10 members.
 - 2 staff left at Christmas and 3 members of staff went on long term sick leave.
 - Nothing could have prepared school for what happened during the last year including the changes after the Peebles high school fire and the Covid 19 Pandemic
 - During Covid Kingsland staff helped run the Tweeddale childcare hub
 - Family learning increased significantly during Covid 19, during this time 90% of families were engaging in some form with the distance learning provided.
 - New resources for the teaching of writing, involved the changing of the spelling programme.

In session 2020/21 we will focus on:

 - Planning and delivering a safe and secure school experience for all pupils in line with national and local guidance (recovery plan)
 - Building strategies and practical applications for children and families to become more resilient and support their mental health
 - Learning from best practice and continuing to augment our existing model for digital learning and adapt this as required to meet the challenges of session 20/21
 - Create the conditions for teachers to engage in high quality collegiate discussion about the pedagogy of teaching and learning

Question from Yvonne Whitehouse

Does the parent council have class reps?

At their previous school each year group had a parent representative who sat on the parent council, gathered questions from parents to be asked at the PC meetings and also got parents to consult with their children.

Mrs Wilson response: Kingsland has a very active pupil council which is a way that all pupils can have a say and input.

- Current restrictions mean that a Christmas pantomime may not be possible. Currently restricted to 50 pupils together in 1 space
- LG - Could anything be done about Halloween parties in class so they don't miss out totally
- Mrs Wilson has asked if she can consult with the staff as to whether they would be willing to do this within the classroom.
- Should have been Dalguise week next week, so have arranged an activity week between the school and the park. Parents can help with this – but only outside the school.
- Possibly that sponsored walk may be able to go ahead in the spring – would probably need to be done as separate year groups.
- Heather added that the community garden is available to use if needed.
- The swimming pool is reopening – is there any word as to when the swimming lessons will restart.
- Currently need to be 14 or over to attend public swimming pool just now.
- Claire suggested a fundraising idea of a school calendar from photography competition in school?
- Heather suggested a story tag email, charging 50p per sentence.
- Lindsey suggested a virtual Art gallery- with a system where parents had to pay to guess their own child's artwork?
- David Griffiths advised there is still 1 space available on the PC – would anyone like to join?
- Claire Prenton volunteered to join the PC
- No further questions

Thank you to Mrs Ward & Mrs Wilson for facilitating the teams meeting for tonight's AGM