

Friends of Eyemouth Primary School

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 29th January 2020

Time: 18.00 pm

Venue: Eyemouth Primary School

In attendance: Mhairi Renton, James Gillie, Sarah McDougal, Claire McAllan, Jacqueline Pringle, Carrie Haddow, Susan Smith, Jennifer Girrity, Shona Easingwood, Iris Cunningham, Laura McQuater, Hayley Blackie, Lisa, Christine McQueen and Carol Hamilton

1. **Apologies:** Helen Craig

2. **Previous minutes and action points:** Previous minutes were agreed.

3. **Council Update:** Carrie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and welcomed Carol Hamilton to speak first to give a council update. Since the last consultation changes have been made to the proposed campus plans. No funding is coming from the Scottish Government so local money from SBC will give Eyemouth the size of school that is needed but no more. There will not be another public consultation but there will be engagement meetings coming up. For future proofing the school additional buildings can be added on if needed. BHA have already purchased a floating hectare of land behind the school. The school will have a full-size pitch. Mrs McQueen wants to speak to school estates contact Lesley Munroe about the future school. She wants to offer her insight into what the school needs, so it is fit for purpose. The head teachers voice should be heard and listened to, so the needs of the pupils and community are fulfilled. More transparency is needed as there is no clear message and answers to what we are getting and when at the moment so Mrs McQueen will write to school estates to give her input.

4. **Treasurer Report:** Total in bank at present is £5179.29. Of which, £2587.20 are the funds left over from the community coop fund. Some of the coop money has been used to buy new lights, speakers and projector. Mrs McQueen asked if some of the money could be used for the read write ink program they are bringing into the school. We would also look to buy a gazebo for fundraising events and the school wants to have different zones in the playground to give the pupils more activities to do. The recent income and expenditure report is attached.

Action **Christine McQueen:** to provide figures needed for the program and equipment needed
Action **Sarah McDougal:** to investigate wind farm funding

5. **Head Teacher Update:** Mid-February the inspection report is due out. Mrs McQueen confirmed the inspection findings matched the findings of herself and the staff. Safeguarding in the building has changed and break time exits have changed to ensue pupil's safety. New fencing areas are coming up around the nursery area. Improvement on internal doors has been made. Vandalism on the school grounds has been taken place recently and all incidences have been reported to the police. Outside the school, broken lighting has been replaced and CCTV is working well. There is now a large wooden fence at the school entrance, there is an issue with the gate not being secured properly, especially when windy, this is being looked into. Mrs McQueen acknowledged that the joiner has been working hard and has done a really good job.

Due to the vandalism it was thought a letter written by the P7 pupils to the local paper about respecting our area would be a good idea also posters asking for respect and responsibility from others as broken glass has been found on school property.

Numbers are climbing continuously for new pupils into the school. The parent forum has had two meetings so far. Today's meeting was about home learning, designed by parents, teachers and pupils. Minutes will be going out to all parents and will look for feedback if these should continue to be sent out to all or just attendees of the parent forum. Home learning packs will be going to all parents shortly. The extra communication from the school has been received well and the Expressions app is live and will be getting used from now on.

Once the inspection report is out there will be an information event about what it means, any changes that have and will be put into place. What plan the school management team have in place.

6. **Fundraising:** The next fundraising event is the Valentine's disco which is on Wednesday 12 February and will be split into two sessions, 6.00 – 6.45 pm for Nursery to P3 and 7.00 – 7.45 pm P4 to P7.

Mhairi has been communicating with the Co-op about dates for bake sales. If we can hold one bake sale a month and take turns this can generate a huge amount of money for the school. Dates will be put out to committee members who can pick and choose when is best for them.

Action **Mhairi to investigate dates and put on TeamApp**

Easter bingo seemed to be popular and the school want to coincide this with egg painting, bonnet competition. Date to be confirmed. Family learning fortnight will be 8 – 19 June 2020. The idea of Hurkur Rocks event during this week could include local ice cream van, pipe band, band of high school performances etc. To be looked into more at the next meeting. Also, a beetle drive and mini mudders, both to be looked into more.

7. **A.O.B.** Swimming lessons are continuing to be funded by FOEPS but there seems to be a need to monitor which classes are using them as not all classes have had lessons over the past couple of years.

Action **Sarah to provide swimming lesson summary to Mrs McQueen**

The pupils have recently taken part in a netball tournament and it was felt they looked out of place without any school related clothing on. It was suggested that hoodies of various sizes could be purchased and loaned out for such events to give the pupils a better sense of identity and pride. It was also mentioned that a local company could sponsor these. If you have any contacts or ideas, please let Carrie know.

Action **Laura to contact Fantasy Prints about shorts, tops and hoodies.**

The P7 residential from next year are changing from May to September / October time. It was felt the pupils could do some fundraising to help with the costs involved with the residential.

Action **Jennifer girrity going to speak to pupil council about fundraising ideas**

If anyone can help with making stovies with the pupils on the 25 and 26 February, please contact Jennifer.

8. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 2 March 2020 at 6.00 pm