**APS Parent Council Meeting 10 June 2021**

**Apologies**

Carole Butler, Claire Whyte, Rayna McAllister, Lynne Warden Paul Jarvis

**Present**

Helena Ekerot, Emma MacCallum, Chenelle McMaster, Judith Thurlow, Liz Belk, Lyssa McBean, Fiona Green, Sophia Warwick, Fiona MacGie.

**Head Teacher Report**

Staffing:

PT ASN vacancy is advertised, closing date Monday.

0.5 teaching vacancy next session.

Classes:

9 classes – spaces at each stage at the moment.

Letters and reports to be sent to parents

Events this term:

Transition – 18th , P7 21st and 22nd KHS – Nursery Resilient kids

Leavers’ Assembly for Nursery and P7 24th June and 25th June

RRS Gold Assessment

School Improvement Plan/PEF:

23 respondents returned forms about School Improvement.

Covid Recovery

Closing gap – identifying new gaps

Raising attainment in Literacy/Numeracy

Health and Wellbeing

Parent survey – HWB – physical and mental health and music. Positive

relationships. Digital skills.

RRS Gold Assessment – Chenelle McMaster announced that Aviemore Primary have attained gold in RRS. We are 1 of 4 schools in the Highlands that have received this accreditation. More information to be sent out to parents.

Parent Questions:

Lyssa McBean wondered about more communication to parents about the school’s achievements. Lyssa McBean and Sophia Warwick also wondered about parents visiting the school again and parents accompanying new P1s into the school. Emma MacCallum responded that it is the Highland Council that will not permit visitors into the school. She understands it is disappointing but we can’t go against their guidance.

Judith Thurlow wondered if the poor return rate of School improvement forms are due to Covid. Emma MacCallum responded that Covid as impacted parent involvement in a negative way. It is a challenge to think of ways to positively engage with parents more and she welcomes suggestion on how to do this. Lyssa McBean suggested increasing the use of Google Classroom. It notifies parents on their phone so may be more effective than Facebook and email as a means of communication.

**Treasurers Report**

The bank balance remains unchanged from last meeting, it stands at £3868.91 (invoices to be paid, around £900 will come off this balance)

**Treasurer Post**

Helena Ekerot said we may have found a willing Treasurer to take over from Katya Helik until October. Carole will get in touch with Emma regarding this.

**Fundraising Ideas**

Helena Ekerot provided and update on raffle prizes.

Meal voucher Glenmore Lodge, Tennis lesson voucher, MacDonalds lunch and swim voucher and hopefully a Strathspey railway voucher. Raffle ticket sales and date of draw to be announced.

School Lottery update: Helena reported that the ticket sales for Lottery is doing well. If we consistently sell 100 tickets a week which we are almost hitting at the moment we will annually raise £2000 for the school. The first draw is Saturday 12 June.

**AOCB**

Lyssa MacBean mentioned that the Aviemore Food share will have to move out of St Andrew’s church by the end of June and we will have to collect the school uniforms. Helena said she will visit the Food share on Friday 11th to see how many items of clothing are there and to arrange a collection. Storing unforms in the school was discussed. It was also discussed whether to hold uniform exchange events as an alternative to a drop in exchange.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 2nd September 6pm