**APS Parent Council Meeting 29 April 2021**

**Apologies**

Lyssa Mcean

**Present**

Helena Ekerot, Carole Butler, Emma MacCallum, Chenelle McMaster, Judith Thurlow, Liz Belk, Claire Whyte, Laura Ross, Rayna McAllister.

**Head Teacher Report**

* **Staffing**

PT ASN post remains only vacancy. ASN allocation to be done at ASG level on 11th May.

* **School Improvement Plan/PEF**

**Covid Recovery**

Focus on health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy.

SNSA assessments for P1 before Easter and P4 and P7 this term.

Parent Booking System allowed us to have virtual parent evenings. 72% attendance. Usually parents appointments are a little higher around 80% or above.

Online assemblies have continued to maintain community but classes remain in bubbles.

Topic for all classes is ‘Rivers’ linked to Malawi Partnership which is linked to RRS which Mrs McMaster will talk about.

PEF focus continues to be maths

1140 rolled out in nursery

* **Events this term**

Transition – move up days

Sports Day – individual class events

Leavers’ Assembly – outside or online

RRS Gold Assessment

* **Uniform** – school ties – new supplier Eco ties - 2 plastic bottles. Price will be same as we chose to bulk buy 100. Price per tie will be £3.
* **Requests for funding**

Construction toys/lego

Outdoor Trolley for nursery. Cost approx., £170

Playground – something for upperwing e.g monkey bars

Emma was asked how children have coped coming back to school and if there are any noticeable gaps. Emma responded children are coping well but teachers have noticed a few issues with taking turns, sharing, concentration spans and reluctance to write.

**Treasurers Report**

Total balance to date is £3868.91. There are some invoices to be paid, around £900, which will come off this balance.

**P7 Donation Request**

P7 hoodies and year book will amount to £776.75. It was agreed Parent Council would contribute £400 towards the cost.

**Rights Respecting Schools**

Chenelle McMaster explained Aviemore Primary currently holds silver accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools. The school is now aiming to gain gold accreditation. Staff and children meeting with Rights Respecting School committee. Chenellle requested that a couple of parents attend a 20 min meeting with the committee. Carole and Helena agreed to meet with them. (update: Carole and Helena don’t feel ready to attend the meeting at this stage)

**Fundraising Ideas**

Carole highlighted the difficulty in fundraising in these times of restrictions and when business have spent a long time being closed. Helena gave a reminder of what is involved in setting up the School lottery allowing parents, teachers other members of the community to buy lottery tickets online, 40p of every £1 ticket goes to the school. Weekly draws means money raised for the school thoughout the year (including during holidays). Supporters can win cash prizes and £25,000 jack pot. It was decided we will proceed with this in place of Summer Fun night which can not happen this summer. Helena to arrange small lottery licence and start promoting lottery. Aiming to have the first draw mid June. It was decided lottery could help to fund school trips for next year. Helena suggested getting the children involved in the lottery, perhaps creating posters.

Judith wondered if we could arrange a small raffle mid June, again taking place of Summer Fun Night raffle. An idea is ask parents to donate something for a hamper and perhaps ask some businesses that we have close contact with if they would be interested in making a donation.

**AOCB**

Emma wondered if anyone had a spare wheelbarrow to give to the school.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 8th June 6pm, online meeting.