**APS Parent Council Meeting 2 Sep 2021**

**Apologies**

Rayna McAllister, Kate Ellingson, Kathryn Owen, Mairi Cullen

**Present**

Helena Ekerot, Carole Butler, Emma MacCallum, Chenelle McMaster, Judith Thurlow, Liz Belk, Lyssa McBean, Fiona Green, Laura Ross,

**Head Teacher Report**

* **Staffing**

We welcome PT ASN Catriona Sutton this term and P7 teacher Lynne Finnie.

ELC Clerical Kenny Rogan leaves at the end of this month and will be replaced by Vicki Leckie.

Anna Metcalfe, ELC PSA, is also leaving this week and will be covered by supply in the meantime until our ASN/PSA allocation is complete by October.

Joanne Pringle is also leaving nursery. EYP advert should be posted soon.

* **Covid update**

Thank you for patience and understanding in closing classes last week.

2 staff members tested positive. Positive tests amongst pupils and parents. Cases in community but none that had to be acted on as pupil’s contact with school was outwith contagious period.

* **School Improvement Plan/PEF**

**Covid Recovery is priority across Highland**

Health and Wellbeing

* + mental health – Bounce Back – Emma Wright P5-7
	+ physical health – P.E progression. Can now be indoors and utilise equipment

Learning and Teaching

* + Quality Assurance reinstated
	+ Learning Profiles reinstated fully
	+ Moderation of teacher judgements.
	+ Play based learning embedded.
	+ Literacy – Talk for Writing, Wraparound Spelling embedded. Introduce Reading Comprehension – key strategies.

Raising attainment

* + PEF – numeracy 0.7 teacher using Plus 1/Power of 2 resource
	+ PEF – PEEP ELC parenting group designed to support parents’ interaction with their children to enhance learning, engage with the school and connect with other parents. We hope to run these sessions later this year.

**Treasurers Report**

The bank balance is currently 3135.70. This balance includes lottery money £361.70 and cheque to Mike Dearman has come off this balance for work repairs to Smartboards. Still to come off balance is just under £500 for cheques to school and nursery for lego and trolley and lottery licence cost. Every month approx. £150 of Lottery money will go into bank account if ticket sales remain at current level. £122 for the raffle is also due into bank account.

**Primary School League Table in The Times**

Emma said that the results of the league table in The Times which placed Aviemore Primary in the bottom 50 of Scottish Primary Schools is disappointing. However the Scottish Government or us as a Local Authority do not produce school league tables to measure performance. League tables do not tell the story of a school’s context, journey and the achievement of the individual child to reach their full potential.

* Times used attainment data for Primary 7 from 2018-19. Attainment is the number of children who achieve the expected level for their age and stage – Early Level in P1, First level in P4 and Second level in P7.
* Three years out of date and a snapshot of one year group. Attainment does fluctuate year to year depending on the children in the class.
* Smaller schools are not included as data is not published if it may reveal identity of children.
* SIMD data for our area shows 0% deprivation, which we know, is not a true reflection of our community.
* ASN Provision – not taken into account. Children can make progress but never be age and stage.
* Happy to discuss individual children’s attainment if parents are concerned.

Judith asked if the attainment levels are where they should be. Emma responded that it could be better. She said that attainment is also based on teachers’ judgements. At Aviemore they be quite tough on how they judge. The school is working on getting more consistency when placing children at the right stage.

Carole asked about the school’s decision to focus on numeracy when writing rated poorly. Emma responded that they focus will be on numeracy to give it time to embed. Literacy will then come round again as the main focus.

**School Lottery**

Helena gave an update on the raffle. Raffle tickets are purchased online at yourschoollottery.co.uk. Every week there is a draw with a local cash prize winner. Nationally there is also chance for someone to win the jackpot of £25,000.

After 12 draws we have raised £456.50 to the school and local cash prizes of £342.30 have been won in our community. If ticket sales remain at this level we should raise around £2000 be the end of the school year. Summer Fun night tends to raise around £3000 but as we have not been able to run this event for last 2 years, the lottery is proving a successful substitute fundraiser.

**Raffle**

Carol updated on the raffle which was held at the start of the summer holidays. £122 was raised. Carole said this online raffle would have been more successful but there were delays in setting it up and the online site we used was not the best. She advised she would not use this format to do a raffle again. The online auction the Parent Council did at the end of 2019 was much more successful.

**Other Fundraising Events**

My name tags – a proportion of each order goes to the school in fundraising. We have not had time to set up for this year.

Christmas cards – would involve getting Christmas pictures from Children by around October time.

School discos and Christmas fair this year would depend on access to school. Emma to make look in it. An online auction could still be done for Christmas.

**AGM/new staff members**

Carole explained we have struggled to find a replacement Treasurer since Katja left. We need a Treasurer until our next AGM. Judith Thurlow said she would act as Treasurer until the AGM. Judith’s position as Treasurer was proposed by Lyssa McBean and Seconded by Liz Belk.

Current committee members will be stepping down at the AGM. In order for the Parent Council to continue new members must come forward.

It is felt that there is a general lack of engagement to support Parent Council. It was suggested we send out information to parents about aims of the Parent Council, their achievement as well as what each of the of the committee member roles entails.

**It was decided that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 6 October, 6pm.**