

Bruntsfield Parent Council meeting 17 November 2021 via Zoom

- RC opened the meeting.
- Attendees were recorded via Zoom and a quorum was declared.
- Minutes from 22 September 2021 – approved

Chair's update

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the new Parent Council and office-bearers (full details of those elected are on the website)
- It was great to see clubs up and running and RC thanked the clubs team
- RC also thanked the team organising the Winter Trail (Alison, Shanda and Jenni)
- RC encouraged all parents to get involved and mentioned two roles that were available (H&S and events) and reiterated that handover notes and templates for the roles were available.

Headteacher's update from CK

- **Covid:**
 - 9 cases in 2 days. Need to monitor classes. Other bugs in school too.
 - Please keep testing and abiding by best practice (thank you)
 - Other side of the issue is the need to keep attendance up – only at 88% (usually 95-97%) so do try to avoid unnecessary absence (such as term time holiday).
 - Remember school population is unvaccinated.
 - **Still in Covid measures – will take time.**
- **Other news**
 - Book bags - very positive feedback to book bag handout
 - Great news about lunch hall being available again
 - Visitors will come back for partnership services
 - Cluster school work includes: showing racism the red card and maths work
 - CK would like ideas for the School Improvement plan.

Covid measures (CK responding to questions from PC members)

- Staggered start time will be permanent
 - Feedback has been reviewed and there are many positives to the staggered start times such as less crowding on entry and a calmer start to the day (thanks to Susan for organising feedback)
 - CK noted that the school day for P1/2 day is shorter - has always been the case.
 - 0830 start for P6s is working well too.
- Bubbles will be reconsidered as restrictions ease

- Other measures that have worked well include playground zones and outdoor PE and these may be retained.

Zebra Crossings (Councillor Ross)

- Councillor Ross explained a motion he was tabling at the next Full CEC meeting to seeking budget for zebra crossings in certain areas (including near the school) to assist in creating safer routes to school
- The Parent Council voted to support this motion in writing and JF and RC will liaise with Councillor Ross to submit wording.

Clubs (update from PG)

- Fundraising – top up for football strips £200 - is in hand.
- We have launched:
 - 4 guitar classes
 - 4 badminton classes
 - 3 young engineers clubs
 - Football running as normal
- The uptake has been excellent and the tutor feedback is very good.
- Clubs4kids working well.
- New clubs coming – art, creative design and others for January.
- We really need a H&S and child protection officer. Front loaded roles so please volunteer.
- The meeting thanked the clubs team for all their hard work
- In discussion a desire for more outdoor/creative learning clubs was expressed and RC will liaise with interested parents.

Events

- The Events team spoke about the plan for the Winter Trail which will include bakes for sale at the Links and a trail map ending at the EL Centre Christmas Fair (with stalls including one from the A+ group)
- Full details to follow.

AOB

- Can Parents help in school? CK indicated that as Covid eases (hopefully) this will be possible again so let your class teacher know if there are areas you might be able to assist with.
- Jasper will relay this message through the class reps.

Close

Next meeting 2 February 2022.