**Clubs Update**

Bruntsfield Primary School is exceptionally fortunate to boast one of the most extensive club offerings among all primary schools in Edinburgh.

**The History…**

Historically, clubs have been organised, more or less, by a Clubs Coordinator and an army of volunteers. Given the time, resource and logistical pressures involved, there have been regular calls from previous parent councils for the role of Clubs Coordinator to be a paid position.

**Our Current Format…**

Post-pandemic, with initial support from a number of parent volunteers, Stefan Santjer has assumed this role in an unpaid capacity. In the 2 years since clubs re-started:

* the number of clubs has risen from 3 in the first term to 20 now, 56 sessions per week (20 of them happen straight after school with no parent having to drop off or pick up their child)
* the number of children benefitting has risen from 96 to c. 500 (plus an additional 200 BPS football players!)
* in 2022/23 clubs had an income of just over £85k which enabled us to cover the costs of any club equipment and also finance 143 **free of charge** or 75% discounted club places at a cost of £7,800 (in the current term this equates to c.£1,300 for around 40 club places)
* Employment opportunities for 30 tutors
* Reduced club pricing on 9 different clubs (due to economies of scale)
* Close relationships built with the school staff, Kidzcare, Morningside United Church (discounted rates), Eric Liddell Centre & St. Oswalds
* New relationships with suppliers
* Clubs are projected to run at a surplus of c.£6K per year.

**The Future…**

If we were to pursue the previous parent council calls of making the Club Coordinator role a paid role, we’d be looking at around £12.5k salary to fulfil a required 2.5 days per week. This would result in a net loss of around £6k each year to maintain our existing programme.

Recognising this, Stefan has been working on a plan to move the clubs programme into an independent social enterprise model. This transition aims to preserve all the current advantages for Bruntsfield Primary while also paving the way for replicating a comparable framework in other Schools (making it commercially viable).

Crucially, by moving our clubs programme into this proposed setup we would avoid the need to raise funds to maintain our existing programme.

**The Interim Period…**

In the run up to setting up the Social Enterprise, Stefan is no longer able to continue to manage the Bruntsfield programme without an income. In order to maintain the current Clubs offering until the Social Enterprise is operational, it is proposed to offer Stefan a consultancy fee of £500/month. This fee allows us to continue our current programme without the need to raise money.

**The alternatives?**

A paid role (which would need to be fundraised for every year).

or

The existing parent volunteer model (the challenges of which are described above).

or

Clubs cease to run (with the exception of football).

**A Special Meeting will be held online next Tuesday 10th October to vote on this proposal.**

*Edinburgh*

*3 October 2023*