



FELTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS' FORUM MINUTES

Friday 15th June 2018, 14:00 – 15:00

In attendance: Julia Butlin (Chair), Suzanne Connolly (Headteacher), plus parents Jill Morris, Richard Anderson, Dawn Chopping, Sarah Brown, Nicola Bath, Stephen & Joanne Robbins, Sally Carlisle, Jo Powell, Sue & John Inglis-Jones, Michael Westall, Donna Angus

Apologies: Rachel Murphy (Chair of Governors),

Introductions & Welcome

Chair gave an introduction and welcome and it was good to have some new parents with us.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

The music service did not have a timetable slot available for Felton school this year. Their resources are limited.

Update from school representative

Pumpkin Pie are in the last stages of moving off site.

Short term, early years (nursery, reception, yr1) will move into mobile. However, condition of mobile is not great for the long term. A condition survey by county hall will be completed to identify remedial work or other actions required to make it suitable.

If condition survey identifies the mobile as not fit for purpose, then the hope is that money may be available from county for an alternative facility.

The existing store room is to be redeveloped to provide a confidential space for meetings. The mobile building condition survey will help identify what is required and how much it may cost.

A new experienced teacher has been appointed for yr 3&4 but the name cannot be announced just yet.

FSFA funds are in a good position parents need to decide if some or all can be used on school development or learning resources (see later item).

The miles for school money will be used for learning resources to benefit all of the school, with 10% going to the Sunshine Fund.

Update from governor's representative

Ofsted and Church inspection completed and reports very favourable. It means it will be 3 years until the next inspection.

Elect

A new Associate Governor has been appointed.

School development plan is currently under discussion for 2018/19. This sets the plan and priority for the coming academic year. It will address findings of Ofsted report.

Parent feedback for Ofsted was exceptionally high compared to other schools. Thank you so much to parents for completing the online form.

Update from FSFA

Great attendance at the last meeting. Secretary been appointed (Sarah Laidler). Fundraising plans for this summer.

- 1) Family fun afternoon after sports day. Bouncy castle, stalls, food, tombola. It will be a great event, so please attend if you can. All summery donations will be very welcome.
- 2) Felton fair 14th July. There will be a stall and games, raffle tickets for duck race.
- 3) Duck and boat race 15th July. Boat making materials/equipment is required for 6th July when the children will be making boats to race. Please send bottles etc. into school before that date.

Volunteers will be required for all events. The fundraising events are all aimed at getting the children and families involved and having fun.

A big thank you to all parents who attend and support the events.

School Facebook page is available (Felton Primary School Parents Group). Send request to Dawn Chopping or Nicola Bath if you want to join.

How should the money FSFA have raised be allocated?

There is approximately £8,000 in the account. Some needs to remain for future event expenditure, but the remainder can go to school. But how?

Need the costs for the mobile building renovations before an informed decision can be made. Some money can be released for immediate requirements and then once the longer-term plans are clearer we can decide where to allocate, i.e. mobile building renovations.

Parent Forum Focus

What if...ideas,

Trips could be linked to school topics.

Prepare the year 5s for high school. Give them more responsibility and independence.

Even better if...,

Some parents were not aware the residential trip to Robinwood was replaced by Blencathra. Trip for Yr2018/19 is in planning.

Celebrate Success

- Edinburgh trip was an amazing success, and as it linked with the current school topic it really helped the children make the links.
- Blencathra trip was very different to what the children have done before and well received.
- Early years are doing a great job of preparing the children for the next step
- Response to the Ofsted report from parents was exceptional and shows the interest and care about the school from parents.

AOB

Big thank you for attending the forum.

How do parents want to see the Sports Premium spent? Majority is used to fund the PE teacher. Most attending the meeting feel that this is a good use of the resource. Since the PE teachers appointment, the children have had the opportunity attend competitions outside the school. This helps with transition to high school in addition to being fun.

Date of Next Meeting

Signature of Chair:

