

**Present:** Lesley Anderson, Ewan Anderson, Beth McDougall, Fiona Taylor, Grant Ferguson, Sue Whittle, Lorna Murdoch, Charlotte Wylie, Alan Wise, Mia Stewart, Amy Bartlett, Tracey Thomson

**Apologies:** Angie Gilhooley, Lorna Jones, Alison Brown

**Actions from August Meeting:**

- **Roll Update:** Currently 32 with 7 enrolled in August 2020. This year's P7 are a year group of 6. Potential roll of 4 in 2021 with a larger class leaving (9 in current P6 cohort).

- **Publicity:** A. Wise thanked L. Murdoch for her efforts in publicising the school via Twitter. It was suggested that publicity via *The Peeblesshire News* would be beneficial.

- **Early Years Learning:** No news so far from SBC. A. Wise has consulted with Newlands gain more insight into possibilities regarding offering provision for early years in Eddleston.

- **Any Other Business:** OOSC no longer receiving Vulnerable Grant from SBC which is stretching resources.

- **Access to School from Out of School Clubs:** Alan Wise asked Lorna Murdoch about possibilities for access to Out of School Clubs. Lorna Murdoch said she was still awaiting response for SBC regarding protocol for this. Alan Wise asked for further clarity if possible to allow for community planning.

**Chairman's Report**

- **Staffing Changes:** Alan Wise extended a warm welcome to Beth McDougall and wished her a long and successful career at the school. Alan Wise offered a heartfelt thanks to Fiona for 10 years' excellent service, especially for her commitment to the pupils and the school which was echoed by the other attendees.

- **Parent Council Training Session:** Alan Wise and Charlotte Wylie attended a session at Kingsland Primary School. This was useful and offered clarity on the role of the Parent Council. The role of the PC is a supportive role, encouraging parents to get involved in their children's education. Slides summarising this will be circulated with the minutes.

- **Woodlands Trust:** Elaine Wise flagged up that The Woodlands Trust are offering up to 400 trees and shrubs free to be planted as part of community and school projects. Lorna Murdoch has taken advantage of this and ordered a selection of trees as a result.

- **Horseshoe Donation:** The Horseshoe very kindly donated £110 of their takings from their monthly quiz which has been gratefully accepted.

- **Christmas Raffle:** Alan Wise will be selling tickets for the raffle at Bite and a Blether and also at the Christmas Fair on 13<sup>th</sup>. The raffle will be drawn on the 18<sup>th</sup> which is the Christmas Showcase. There are a number of excellent prizes on offer. Grant Ferguson, Tracey Thomson and Charlotte Wylie also offered to sell tickets.

- **Vanilla Moon:** Slots are still free for the session in Eddleston Parish Church Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Jayne Wright is giving £10 of the cost of each session to parent council funds which is very generous and will be gratefully accepted.

**Headteacher's Report**

- **Updates:** Lockerbie Manor was a very big success. The children were praised for their behaviour and their supportiveness. LM is looking at P7 going every year as part of a Small Schools Network which would benefit transition. Bec Gilmour-Jones extended her thanks on behalf of all to the staff who attended – Mrs Taylor, Mrs MacKenzie, Mrs Black and Miss Murdoch.

- **P1 Enrolment:** Projected 7 to go into P1 in 2020 which is very pleasing. The roll would then be 33.

- **CKD field:** The field next to the school is up for sale with planning for 30 homes.

- **Primary 7 Hoodies:** To be done from August onwards from 2020.

- **Christmas:** There is an exciting line up of activities on offer. Christmas Showcase is going to be a celebration of the learning this year.

- **Role of the Parent Council:** From January, LM will look to see how the Parent Council can engage and support with the life and work of the school such as contributing to School Improvement Plan.

- **Staffing:** Mrs Taylor is moving to a part-time post at Leader Valley School. There were 8 applicants for her post at Eddleston Primary School, and 3 were interviewed. The successful candidate is Edward Firth. There is an opportunity for transition as Mr Firth will be in school will be in school for 2 or 3 days prior to Christmas break.

- Miss McDougall is now in post which is wonderful. She has PE and Digital Learning specialisms which are very welcome.

- LM confirmed that Mrs Walker is currently employed for 4.5 hours up until Christmas on Tuesday and this is paid for out of a supply budget for Support for Learning 1:1 teaching in addition to class teacher and classroom assistant. Amy Bartlett asked how this allocation is measured; LM will contact SBC and ascertain an answer. SfL has not been in place in Eddleston Primary since Feb/March 2019. LM confirmed that SfL has only been put in place this week (w/b 25 November 2019) with Mrs Walker's temporary appointment. A number of parents expressed their concern about the consistency of provision and queried whether the allocation from March 2019 to November 2019 could be accumulated into a block in order to meet the needs of the learners that require SfL. LM to clarify this with SBC.

- **Parent Helpers:** Elaine Wise and Angela Gilhooley are confirmed as helpers and the PVG checks are complete.

- **Meet the Teacher Event:** is upcoming in January. This will allow parents and carers to meet the new members of staff.

- **School Improvement Plan:** LM has written a new SIP for 19-20 which has been approved by SBC, to replace that done by Lesley Miglis. The new plan focuses on teaching and learning as a priority. The purpose of this is to ensure consistency in teaching and learning which has been noted as a parental concern. LM is aiming to look at collaborative approach to SIP from March to build a more transparent, visible SIP for 20-21.

Amy Bartlett raised the issue of culture and community as well as on learning, teaching and assessment as a priority. This was echoed by attendees. It was suggested that communications from school reflect the ethos and culture of the school, which has historically been strong in its sense of community.

Mia Stewart thanked Lorna Murdoch's hard work and innovation so far. Lorna Murdoch acknowledged this and requested full support of the parents of the school in her endeavours.

- **Out of School Club:** Bec Gilmour-Jones raised the future of the OOSC. The OOSC may need to move to the school building in future to ensure sustainability following the loss of the vulnerable grant. We are awaiting a response to this from SBC. Alan Wise raised the issue at the Community Council meeting and flagged this up as a priority.

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached.

**Parent Council Constitution:**

Eddleston PC does not currently have a Constitution. This would be useful as a framework to guide governance of the PC. AW to circulate a draft Constitution to wider Parent Forum for comment.

**Any Other Business:**

The Parent Council thanked Mrs Taylor for her hard work, excellent pastoral care and the educational experience she has provided over the past decade at Eddleston Primary School and wished her well in her new position.