CUIKEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on
Monday 17 January 2022 at
7.30 p.m. via Zoom

Present	**Apologies**
Claire Bond (Head Teacher)	Karen Bennett (Parent)
Megan Brady-Macdonald (Parent, Vice Chair)	Gillian Drummond (Parent, 50/50 Club)
Aoife Callaghan (Parent)	Leanne Naismith (Parent, 50/50 Club)
Katrina Cummings (Teacher)	Claire Monaghan (Parent)
Nicole Giorgi (Parent)	
Janet Lake (Parent, Chair)	
Stacey Smith (Parent)	
Jane Tweeddale (Parent, Treasurer)	
Lynsey Weir (Minute Clerk)	
Kirsten Wilson-Oosterhof (Parent)	

ACTION

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

Janet Lake welcomed all and thanked for joining our Zoom meeting. Apologies were noted.

2.0 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

1) Uniformly – Karen Bennett has researched this and the various options available. Some could be admin heavy. Claire Bond advised there is sometimes not been much uptake for previous Thrift Stalls. Janet Lake suggested putting on our Twitter and Facebook pages for parent feedback. **JL**
2) Megan Brady thanked all for their support with Christmas events.

3.0 CHAIRS REPORT.

1) Janet Lake introduced herself. All welcomed her aboard and look forward to working with her.
2) Janet thanked Karen Bennett, Meghan Brady and Jane Tweeddale for their support in the handover and transition.
3) Janet is keen to help support the school and start fundraising events again. Various options were discussed including:
- Toy swap for donations
- Book swap for donations
- Easter treasure hunt
- Chocolate raffle
- Coats / hats / gloves swap for donations

4.0 TREASURERS REPORT.

1) Jane Tweedale advised that the balance of the account is around

£1,700.

2) We have supported the following:
   - Panto
   - Football posts
   - Big thanks to Gillian Drummond and Leanne Naismith for keeping this running.

5.0 OFFICE BEARERS.

1) Janet Lake highlighted that we are still looking for a Vice Chair or Co Vice Chairs. There was no interest noted. Any interest welcome from the wider parent body. Janet Lake to advertise the post on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Meghan Brady advised she will continue to support the Chair in the interim as Vice Chair. **JL**

6.0 HEAD TEACHER REPORT.

1) Claire Bond thanked all for their continued support to Cuiken and to Janet Lake who has stepped up as Chair.
2) The Christmas singing events went well and were well attended. Thanks to all who supported. We are looking at more opportunities for parental engagement.
3) Thank you for the funding towards our Panto, this was appreciated at an expensive time for parents.
4) Staffing remains a challenge! We have been lucky enough to be able to cover classes and avoid sending pupils home to work.
5) We have welcomed Mrs Donald back from maternity leave to P2.
6) Claire Bond advised she has accepted a 2 day secondment, on a Wednesday and Thursday, with the Additional Support Needs team, within Midlothian Council. Mrs Hughes will deputise in her absence.
7) We are hopeful to be able to re-open the dining hall on 31 January.
8) Upcoming events include Burns night; Book week Scotland; Parent Consultation.
9) We are due to receive our delivery of digital items next week. We will then allow pupils to become used to using them before we send home.
10) The P6/7 camp is scheduled for March, all being well.

7.0 50/50 CLUB.

1) Please continue to promote new sign ups as this is our only fundraising method at present.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1) Kirsten Wilson asked if the school choir would resume again soon. Claire Bond will advise in due course.
2) Kirsten Wilson asked when Active Schools clubs would resume. Claire Bond advised that we have not heard anything at present but information will be sent home when received.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

1) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 7.00pm via Zoom due to local Covid Government restrictions.

   Future meeting dates are set as follows: TBC.