



24th January 2023

Parent Council Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Kirsty Neil, Emma-Jane McFarlane, Tracy Boyle

Staff Present: Dawn Simpson, Caroline Barrett, Tina Evans.

Apologies: Jennifer McKenna, Nikki Paton, Gina Harrington, Cllr Robert Brown.

Invitees: N/A

1. Welcome by the chair

KN welcomed everyone who joined and thanked all who made it.

2. Previous minutes

Reviewed previous minutes. Proposed by TB, 2nd by EM

3. Head Teacher's report

Will be attached separately.

Parent Council support

- DS asked if the Parent Council if we could also support next week's 'Go Bright' initiative with a donation of a hamper to raffle. The Parent Council agreed that we would donate a hamper with all proceeds being donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Charity. Hamper to be handed in to the school for Monday 30th January.
- DS confirmed that South Lanarkshire council have put out a communication to confirm that any leavers hoodies being purchased do not have cords on them. KN had already requested this with the suppliers but advised she would reconfirm, and hoodies would be checked and cords removed if needed prior to issue. **KN**
- Mrs. Burns will send the Parent Council a list of upcoming school trips that may need parent helpers to ensure this is communicated to parents in a timely manner
- A whole school trip (funded by PEF funding) to see The Demon Dentist in the theatre on Friday the 10th of March. This trip requires 5 parent helpers, the school required PVGs to be on file.
- World of Work week starts the week of the 21st of February. The school are looking for parents/carers/friends to come in and speak to the pupils about their jobs. PC to provide information to parents who may want to support. A variety of careers are required.

- KN requested from the school any requests for financial support the parent council can support with

Funding Requests:

- P1 ties. The parent Council will again this year cover the cost.
- School spares - Underwear, tights, socks. Mixed sizes.
- World Book Day - Possibly hot chocolate and biscuits. School will arrange a World Book Day competition and the Parent Council will arrange 3 x £10 vouchers, one for nursery, one for P1-P3 and one for P4-P7 to be used as prizes
- Easter eggs – required for the school/30 for the nursery with one non food gift
- Dance show (28th of March). Possibly require new costumes – **GH to look into requirements/source costume If required for PC to fund**

4. Treasurer's report

Opening balance - 29/11/22 - £2685.31

Money paid in -

Float - £40.00

Tombola - £115.90

Raffle - £400.05

Hamper - £166.00

Total - £721.95

Money out -

Float - £40.00

Hamper - £46.86

Hoodies - £778.00

Total - £864.86

Closing balance - 24/01/23 - £2542.40

Parent Council in receipt of invoices for Repitizoo, TigTag and audible subscriptions so will raise the cheques when new cheque book is received – **TB to arrange payment**

KN asked if we could have confirmation that we have paid last year's P1 ties. **DS to confirm.**

KN has requested the receipts for the cakes/tea/coffee/etc from the Christmas cafes are received to allow payment to be made for them, as agreed – **DS/Office/TB**

6. Fundraising

Participatory Budgeting/Funding

Applications close on the 3rd of February. KN asked if there is anything the school and the nursery are needing to add to the applications that we are making. We are just waiting on some further info from Jan Taylor of Healthy and Happy then the applications will be made – **KN to update**

Easter Bunny Hop

Planned for Friday the 31st of March. Sponsor sheet to be issued mid March with the sponsor money to be returned after the Easter holiday. We have an Easter Bunny costume that will be used on the day.

7. AOB

Hoodies - Hope to have them in the school by Friday.

If we are looking to have a spring/summer event, we need to get let form in ASAP. Date of Thursday 23rd of March agreed with all parties. **EJMc to complete let application**

KN to order a sample of a nursery graduation hat, if satisfied with the quality, we will order a set for future nursery/school graduation – **KN to update**

KN asked, at the request of P7 parents, if the school will help fund a P7 end of year event. DS confirmed that the school already funds a P7 trip/school time event and graduation and would not be able to fund/support further events. There was also chat about the SNT PHNX video message that P7s had last year. DS confirmed the P7s had chosen a SNT PHNX song for graduation and by coincidence a staff member had a mutual friend who was able to facilitate that.

KN asked questions from parents. For the school residential trip, no party clothes are required. Basic outdoor clothes/warm clothes will be needed. Staff attending are Miss. Simpson, Mrs. Munro, Ross from the Reachout Trust, a parent and St. Anthony's staff.

Parents night confirmed for 29th of March.

DS requested that we share with parents/carers a reminder that P1 enrolment is ongoing – **PC to update**

P1 visits will be in May/June.

The Parent Council are looking into dates to have informal meet and greet meetings during school times in the future. **TB/EM**

List of confirmed meeting dates.

- 28th of February
- 22nd of March
- 25th of April
- 30th of May
- June N/A
- July N/A
- 29th of August
- 26th of September

Kirsty ended the meeting by thanking all who attended.

Next meeting will take place on the 28th of February 2023 at 6pm in the school with the option for people to attend virtually if they want.

MEETING CLOSED

Head Teacher's Report

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Staffing update:

Mrs Smith has now returned following her maternity leave. She will be working across all classes until she covers Mrs Barrett's maternity leave at the end of February in Primary 7. Mrs Penman will remain with us until she commences her maternity leave after the Easter break.

SIP/PEF update:

- December update is within December newsletter.
- Our School Handbook for 2023 is now available on our school website.
- Miss Harrington participated in a 'Catch-Up' information session to hear about the impact this intervention can have on Maths and Literacy progress.
- All teaching staff participated in moderation activities, looking at the teaching of Listening and Talking across all stages. This is a focus of our SIP to ensure progression across all stages.
- Mrs Henderson participated in 'Maths Recovery' training on 17.1.23 and 18.1.23 to support our work in implementing this resource across the school.
- Miss Simpson attended the Primary HT Meeting on 17.1.23 to hear about the SLC priorities for the rest of this session.
- Our Nursery staff participated in Numeracy training on 17.1.23.
- Miss Simpson has continued to participate in the SLC COSD Working Party, working with colleagues from across SLC to develop a council policy.
- Mrs Roy and Miss McKenzie attended accredited nurture training on 19/1/23 and 20/1/23.
- Miss Harrington participated in the PT/DHT Network Meeting on 20/1/23 to share good practice across the authority.
- Miss Harrington attended the ICT Coordinators Meeting on 23/1/23 to look at the latest ICT developments across SLC.
- Miss Simpson, Miss Harrington and Mrs Burns met with a Nurture Lead Officer from Nurture UK on 24/1/23 to discuss our work within the school and our progress to becoming a 'National Nurturing School'.

- Miss Simpson attended the 'Play Pedagogy' HT session on 24/1/23 to look at how play can be embedded to enhance children's learning and increase pupil attainment.

Lot's Going on at Loch

- P1 enrolment for August 2023 is currently underway.
- Primary 7 pupils continue to enjoy weekly partnership sessions with pupils from St. Anthony's PS in preparation for our joint residential on 30.1.23.
- Primary 3 and 4 pupils are currently enjoying weekly STEM sessions being run by 'Healthy n Happy'.
- Committee afternoon took place on 18.1.23.
- Primary 6 and 7 pupils participated in the John Wrights Competition on 20.1.23.
- All of our classes continue to enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month we have enjoyed assemblies where the pupils have been using the document 'How Good Is OUR School' to self-evaluate the work within the school, looking at the theme 'Our School and Community'. We also enjoyed input from the Reachout Trust team, looking at new beginnings/resolutions.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

Questions for PC:

- Are the PC able to support in any way with our upcoming charity event for Muscular Dystrophy UK?
- Leavers hoodies - no cord on child hoodies. If any adult sizes, the cord should be removed.
- World at Work Week w/c 21/2/23
- Class visit volunteers