**Grange Parent Council Meeting Notes –**

**23rd October 2018 7.30pm The Milton**

**Minutes**

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| **Present** |  |
| L. Will | S.Ovenstone |
| L. McIntyre | H. O’Sullivan |
| M. Atkins | M.Robertson |
| L. Tennant | K.Matthew |
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| **Apologies** |  |
| L. Ogg | L. Morris |
| L. Robertson | G. Strachan |
| S. Downward | K.Perry |
| S. Green |  |

1. **Halloween parties and disco**

Tuesday 30th October - afternoon setup from 1.45pm once lunch finished and floors swept, decorations put up in morning if possible – helpers needed morning of Tue 30th October. **ACTION: L.W. Plea on Dojo for help**.

Halloween music, disco for night, decorations and games all in hand. **ACTION: K.M - decorations from cardboard, using laser cutter, to be handed to school for children to decorate.**

P1-P4 from 2-3pm - £2 helpers - L. M, L.T and K.M

P5-7 from 5.30-6.30pm - £2 helpers – K.P. S.G. G.S and C.R

1. **Parental Engagement Survey**

129 respondents, survey monkey allows analysis of first 100 respondents with free version.

3 questions were asked:

1. What events would you like to see taking place throughout the school year? (rated highest to lowest in popularity) - mental health awareness, open days, curriculum information session, family outdoor learning activities, Christmas quiz, beetle drive and last are evening activities for adults.
2. How well do you think the school engages with parents? (1 being the lowest, 5 highest).

24% said 5, 36% said 4, 24% said 3, 14% said 2 and 2% said 1.

1. Which method do you use to get information about school events? – listed by most popular - class dojo, email, parent council facebook page, website and blog.

N.B. fundraising events are low in popularity, we need to build fundraising into the other events somehow.

1. **Calendar of events throughout the year**

**In response to the engagement survey:**

* Mental health awareness sessions – a requirement to find out what parents want from sessions. Use grange gabbers **Friday 2nd November 9.30am** to engage with parents about what kind of mental health awareness along with the curriculum evening.
* **Monday 26th November 7.30pm – 8.30pm** - Curriculum evening – How have we build the curriculum? This is how we do reading, writing, numeracy, wellbeing. Invitation to parents to respond to what parents want from mental health awareness sessions. Obtain feedback from parents to help create new 3 year plan for the curriculum. The school is coming to the end of a 3 year plan. How to involve parents?

Childcare option – MOOSC for an hour. Will require parents to book.

* **Monday 26th November 8.30pm** - after curriculum evening meet to talk about Christmas quiz night.
* **Thursday 6th December** - Family quiz – to find a compere and make a quiz. **ACTION: SO/LM put on Facebook group**
* **Friday 7th December 9.30am** - Grange Gabbers
* **Wednesday 23rd January 2019** - Open event – Theme around the V&A - share our learning. Children are creating a house (each year group designing and creating a room for a family, nursery designing and creating the garden.

Parents welcoming new parents and families to the school community – handout given from www.connect.scot (formerly Scottish Parent Teacher Council). To be discussed at grange gabbers.

Keeping safe at Grange – Safe, respectful, ready – engage with parents about playground zones, risk assessment, accident reporting. This is what you’d expect to happen - when – information being collated to go on the blog.

Outdoor learning – spring – dates and details to be confirmed.

Mental health awareness – to follow in spring, once feedback received.

Dates for meetings throughout the year – see below.

1. Fundraising – why and how?

For playground developments: Tesco funding for reading café, can put in another one from parent council? Morag – help with fundraising bid. Co-op application? Fundraiser for cinema trip so that it can be free. LW agreed to review the funding and will advise accordingly.

Fundraising at the Christmas Quiz, smarties tubes?

1. Financial report – no update
2. Parent Council Meetings for remainder of the year

* **Wednesday 6th February 2019 - 6pm** - Grange primary, children welcome - it will be informal.
* **Thursday 21st March 2019 – 7.30pm** – Milton Inn
* **Monday 20th May 2019 - 7.30pm** - Belltree.
* Grange Gabbers - the **first Friday of the month 9.30am** at Grange.

1. AOCB – reminder to respond to the Angus schools for the future survey - <https://www.angus.gov.uk/schools_and_young_people/angus_schools_for_the_future/monifieth_cluster_proposals>

Link to blog - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/grangeprimaryschoolblog/>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GrangePrimaryParentCouncil/>

Grange reading rocks page - <https://www.facebook.com/grangereadingrocks/>

Twitter feed - <https://twitter.com/PrimaryGrange>