

J.Gregg

Rephad Parent Council Meeting

Date: 23.03.2023

Time: 6.30pm



Parent Council

Rephad Primary
School & Nursery

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Attendees: J.Lee (Chair)K.Logue, A. Bingham , F.Wither, J.Gregg, M.Baird,S.Roberts

Apologies- C.McDevitt, L.Ewing, L.Brown, S Watson

1.Issues arising from minutes

No issues arising.

2.Changes to Council Members

F.Gaffney steps down as a member of the Parent Council but will still attend meetings when possible. We thank Fiona for all her help so far!

G.Lee proposes S.Roberts as a new member of the Parent Council, seconded by J.Gregg, this motion was carried. Welcome Sian!

3.Parent Council Fundraising plans 2023

It was agreed that the Funday will be in May 2023 and the Fundraising Committee will organise this and feedback at the next meeting.

G.Lee will meet with D.McClintock to discuss funds and expenses available for this event. This will be an evening event with usual stalls, BBQ (Burgers ordered for this event will be shared with P7 leavers BBQ), Football/Netball tournaments. (Dates will be checked with cluster schools to ensure no overlap)

D.McClintock will enquire at the school regarding the Funday props/equipment used in previous years.

A Summer Disco/Shorts and Shades Party for all School Children was discussed. Thoughts around using a token system, making it potentially free of charge with crisps and juice given on the way home. No decisions made as yet.

A Summer Bingo night was also discussed date/destination TBC

Our Christmas Fayre has been booked in the Millenium Centre on the 25th of November 2023.

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G.Lee has invited many stall holders, Santa's Grotto will be expanded and Billy Donnelly has been booked to provide some festive music.

*School Fundraising

The annual school 'Pre-fun day' will be held on the 26th of May, organised by staff and funds collected for the School fund.

Individual classes will be raising money through a variety of ways to supplement the cost of their class summer trips. Coffee morning, tuck shop/milkshake day are a few of the ideas so far. Parent Council will provide a nominal amount to each class to help get these enterprise projects started. Pupils will write a letter to the Parent Council applying for this start up fund.

3.Feedback from Mrs Logue

*The Unicef steering group has been formed and includes, Pupils, Staff and Parents from both School and Nursery.

The group had discussions about future actions in the school, outlining responsibilities of all and reviewing the action points relating to the completion of the Bronze award and working towards the Silver award. The plans are displayed in the Foyer of the School. The Steering group meetings are on Tuesday at 2pm.

*Miss Bingam discussed links with a school in Uganda as a context for learning across the Curriculum, widening awareness of geographical and cultural differences/similarities.

*There have been discussions with R Woods and B.Chalmers about the future schools model and the Stranraer Development Trust, concentrating on the development of the Stranraer area.

*Mrs Hepstall has been in school, creating further links with Stranraer Academy.

*There has been positive feedback from Children and Staff regarding using 'Purple Mash' to extend Digital learning.

SIP-School Improvement Plan

This years plan will be reviewed and feedback from Parents and Carers will be sought when planning for next session. A survey will be sent out around May time.

Moving forward, Digital Learning will continue to be an area for development, as well as Reading. The focus on writing input will be maintained.

Main focus for Term 4 are; Reports, Trips, Sports Day and Pre-Funday.

Next Sessions staffing is still under review as there are many of elements to consider as we head in to the new session.

4.Chairpersons Feedback to the Committee.

*There is now a Ragbag bin organised to be situated next to the Rephad Nursery carpark, this should generate some extra income.

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*The Parent Council Newsletter was well received and will be continued, with each member of the Council having some input and adding in little snippets of information as and when. There is now a Parent Council folder situated in the School Foyer, this is available for anyone to look at and promotes all the positive aspects of the Council and the impact our projects have on the Children and life of the school.

*Afterschool Clubs

There was lots of positive feedback gained from the parental survey and the pupils highlighted that their main focus for afterschool clubs were having fun and being with friends for longer!

S.Roberts, N. Dampney and S.Jenkins will lead the Gardening club which should begin in early April. Pupils will sign up for a space and these spaces will be chosen by 'lucky dip', method! It has been agreed that the first block of this club will be for older pupils and the second for the younger. This allows for activities to be tailored towards these age groups and abilities.

J.Lee's Mum will be starting the Baking club and J.Lee will be running an Art club Mon/Tues/Wednesday afterschool.

Potentially G.Lee may start a running club in Term 4.

There will be an appeal for family, friends of the school and Grandparents to create a wider variety of club options into the new session.

J.Lee has been investigating PVG and will apply for the appropriate cover.

****AGM date 25th May 2023 6.30pm at Rephad Primary School****

The constitution will be reviewed and number of members considered at this meeting.

AOB-

F.Wither and J.Gregg volunteered to investigate some options for applying for grants and funds to spend on buying more books, funding Author visits, comics, magazines and providing rich Literacy experiences for pupils and supporting future SIP plans for developing Reading further.