

MINUTES

Catrine PS Parent Council Minutes

5th September 2017 |

In Attendance

Karen Shirkie, Elaine Wilson, Marina Larcombe, Jill Ferguson, George Murphy, Carol Leitch, Carol Clark, Shona Shields, Hilary Sharpe, Roberta Schendel, Judith Govans and Fiona McKinnon

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

Board

Office Bearers stood down. Re-elections were as follows:

Chair – Karen Shirkie. Proposed by George Murphy and seconded by Shona Shields

Treasurer – Hilary Sharpe. Proposed by Fiona McKinnon and seconded by Shona Shields

Secretary – Fiona McKinnon. Proposed by Carol Leitch and seconded by Carol Clark.

The Constitution of the Parent Council was discussed. There is no constitution written at the moment, therefore Judith Govans will email Fiona McKinnon a draft to be discussed at next meeting.

Business

Karen Shirkie said that the Catrine Community Association is being disbanded and the AM Brown Institute is being taken over by the Catrine Community Trust. This means that monies held by Catrine Community Association is being split up and the Association would like to offer the Parent Council £1500. The Parent Council must agree to uphold the aims of the Community Association in the spending of this money; these aims include: involving the community; ????

A letter was written to Karen Shirkie as Chair of the Community Association accepting this offer of money and agreeing to uphold the aims of the Association.

Treasurer report

Donation of £200 made for school trips. £350 profit made from Family Fun Night.

Current total in bank is £827.24

HeadTeacher report

Judith Govans presented her report for the first time as Head Teacher at Catrine Primary School. All members of the Parent Council congratulated Judith on her new role. Judith is delighted to have gained the position and looks forward to working with staff, pupils and parents of Catrine PS.

- East Ayrshire Council are looking for some naming suggestions for the new Knockroon Campus. A pupil focus group and parent focus group to be arranged to do this.
- Outdoor learning training has taken place
- A Songwriter is coming in to school to work with P5/6 and 6/7 for 6 weeks.
- P5/6 and 6/7 are also working towards their John Muir award. P5's who are in P3/4/5 will also be included and parents will be notified.
- Massage in schools will involve P1/2, P2/3 and P3/4/5. Parents will be invited in to the last session to see the good work.
- STEM – P3/4/5 have been working with George Burns to learn more about coalmining and will be making a model of a coal mine.
- Judith and staff are working on endorsing the 'Promoting Positive Behaviour' policy in school. Behaviour has been tightened up over the past few weeks. At the first Monday assembly of the new term, Judith introduced herself and explained what she expected of the pupils.
- The visions, values and aims of the school continue to be promoted. The Early Childhood Centre have become involved and this means all children attending both establishments know the visions, values and aims and understand them.
- The staff have been looking at ways to reward good behavior and the Golden Tickets system has been re-introduced. The staff have also started a 'Star of the Day', this can be for anything, not only academic work. This should mean that all children have been Star of the Day at least once in a term.
- After school clubs have started back up. These include badminton, athletics, YIPWorld, football and netball. Barry Holmes of Active Schools has also started a Run, Jump and Throw for P1,2,3 pupils. There will be football training for P6/7 boys and girls on a Monday pm.

Inspection Report

- Judith has read the new inspection report having not been part of the school at last year's report. She believes it is clear to see the difference in one year. The staff have all to be commended for taking on the recommendations from last year's report and working so hard to improve the school and the learning over the past year.
- Staff training – there has been a decision to focus on certain aspects of work and make a vast improvement on these areas of learning.
- Assemblies - there has been a change to the twice weekly assemblies. A Monday assembly will continue as previously. A Friday assembly will now be 'Fun Time Friday', which will be outside where possible and P7 pupils will lead play. This will be under the supervision of an adult.
- Get ready bell has also been introduced – this allows pupils to get ready for the morning bell, interval and lunchtime over bells.
- In wet weather, the children are now allowed in the main gym hall after 8.50. P7's will help with the supervision.
- Children have now been advised that they should seek permission prior to going on the grass, this is due to the muckiness of the grassy part.
- There are only 2 footballs allowed in the playgrounds.
- Judith reported that every child is wearing uniform, whether that be polo shirts or shirt and tie.

AOCB

Winter school disco has been organized for Thursday 9th November 6.30 – 8pm. This is for the whole school. Pay at door £1. All children need to be collected, regardless of age and proximity to school. George has arranged the disco and P7's will organize glow sticks.

Actions

Judith to email draft constitution to Fiona McK

FMcK to organize let for 24th October – next meeting

FMcK to arrange let for school disco 9th November 6-830pm

FMcK to print out SPTC information

FMcK to produce a flyer for disco

-Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th October 7pm in Catrine PS

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.