

MINUTES

Catrine PS Parent Council Minutes

24th October 2017 |

In Attendance

Karen Shirkie, Carol Leitch, Shona Shields, Hilary Sharpe, Roberta Schendel, Judith Govans and Fiona McKinnon

Apologies - Jill Ferguson, Carol Clark, Alison Templeton

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Outdoor learning

Natalie White from Outdoor Learning discussed COACH training for teachers. Currently, outdoor learning is for P1, P4 and P7 and the pupils will work towards an award. The programme runs in school until October holidays, then in the local greenspace until Christmas holidays, then they look at community links ie. The community garden until March. In the final term, they interact with the wider world, ie other pupils in Cambodia, using Skype. There was discussion about parental engagement. They are looking at a parent day, which may include bug hunting or den building.

Natalie then left the meeting.

Treasurer report

Cheque from Catrine Community Association for £1500. Payment made to SPTC (insurance) £115 and a donation was made to school for purchase of Twinkl £700.

Current total in bank is £827.24. Discussion took place re auditing of finance. Judith will discuss with Kim at nursery to ask if she can audit books on an annual basis.

Secretary Report

Nil to report. Discussion re generic email address for contacting parent council. Fiona will set this up and Hilary will also assist as admin. Post to go on blog re email and "rules" ie. Individual issues should be taken to school.

HeadTeacher report

The recent drop in sessions were successful with 35 families represented. There were 44 questionnaires completed at parents evening and responses will be collated. Parental attendance at parents evening was also very good.

Peer massage course recently was very successful. This is now being rolled out to other classes.

Harvest festival was successful. A new speaker has been ordered. The food collection was donated to Cumnock Food Bank.

Make Catrine Sparkle have approached the school to see if a choir could represent the school at the Catrine Light Switch On on 3rd December. The school have this in hand. There will also be a lantern parade and market stalls. Judith asked if members of the parent council would man a stall selling tea towels in aid of school funds.

Naming of Knockroon Campus (a working title) – a post is now on the blog asking for suggestions for the naming of the campus and the secondary school.

Sport Scotland – the school have been awarded the gold award. There are only 3 Primary Schools in East Ayrshire who have been awarded this. There is a flag to be displayed in the school, a flagpole costs approx. £900.

Tracking attainment – staff meet with Judith 3 times a year and provide updates.

Classroom observations – Judith is going to take part in classroom observations, this will aid staff in identifying areas for CPD and things they would like to work on.

Property issues – Judith has highlighted lots of issues to East Ayrshire and there is a programme of work in place. Some changes to rooms in school are taking place.

Judith provided parent council members with a demonstration of Twinkl and voiced the appreciation of the school.

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.

Actions

FMcK to produce a flyer for disco

FMcK to set up a generic email address and draft information for blog.

-Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th November 7pm in Catrine PS