



James Hamilton Primary, Sgoil-Araich and Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh Parent Council

Minutes – 26th Feb 2024

Conference Room, William Mcilvanney Campus

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome/Present and Apologies – Laura McChristie</p> <p>LMCC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Attendees: Laura McChristie, Lorraine Dougan, Lynsey Abercrombie, Lynn Paul, Lynsey Kerr, Louise Messer Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Nicola Haswell, , Kirsty, Cllr Graham Boyd, and Cllr Neal Ingram</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Graham Barton, Cllr Barry Douglas, Margaret Black</p>	
<p>2. Parent Council Business</p> <p>a)</p> <p>The date the upcoming disco was discussed - 22nd May and to include the nursery children who will be starting p1 after the summer.</p> <p>Fundraising Doughnut day was given as 7th June and helpers were asked for.</p> <p>The Family Fun night was confirmed as 18th September.</p> <p>LA provided the updates in appendix 2</p>	
<p>3. Head Teachers Update</p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	

<p>4. Topic – Developing your Workforce</p> <p>The school presented on the planned World of Work Week. Miss Paul gave an overview of the event and what was planned for the pupils. She outlined the speakers that were coming into the school with particular focus on the older stages.</p> <p>The parent council thanked Miss Paul for her presentation and put forward some ideas for the sessions over the week. There was a productive discussion about the week and ideas were exchanged regarding topics and sessions.</p>	
<p>5. AOCB – none</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting: 29th April 2024</p>	



Appendix 1 – Head Teacher update

HT Parent Council Report

Monday 26th February 2024

Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update

A busy February has come and is almost gone. It has been lovely seeing the children so inquisitive with their learning, in particular their concentration and focus on building and exploring structures.

They have been working in partnership with James Hamilton and Sgoil Na Coille to be active participants in developing their awareness and participation in learning for sustainability and they also visited the bin lorry team from EAC Cleansing Department, who spoke to them about waste recycling.

A focus on Gaelic Culture was also enhanced by a visit from Nicole an Irish Dancer and the boys and girls gave a warm welcome to Miss Miller, our new Gaelic Teacher.

My favourite thing from this term was when our sgoil-àraich boys and girls visited P2's Tiny Treasures shop, with a focus on children's rights, learning for sustainability and recycling. They really enjoyed 'shopping', and it was like supermarket-sweep!

A great February all round...roll on spring!

SNCN and JHP update

Well done to Miss Easton and our GME staff team across the Campus from Kilmarnock Academy, SNCN and ScnCN for the fantastic ceilidh they organised. It was an amazing celebration of Gaelic Culture in recognition of Gaelic Week and a great time was had by all. Children from JHPS who attended Ceilidh club were also invited to attend with their families.

The proceeds from the Ceilidh have covered cost of the event and rest split between GME provisions across the Campus to support future Gaelic cultural activities

Well done to P2 Tiny treasures for raising £217 for Hillhouse as part of their Learning For Sustainability work. A tremendous effort!

The spring discos were well attended. A huge thank you to all of the staff and parents who gave up their own time to support at the discos –they were such good fun and your help was so appreciated!!!!

Congratulations to the P5 Basketball Team for winning all their games at the recent festival.

The Girls Football Team who won against Onthank in a recent re-match.

World Book Day- As part of their class leadership role, P4a are going to be organising some activities as part of World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This will include a homework grid, some competitions and other reading fun. There will be no dressing up. There will be prizes for competition winners that P4a will judge. Further information will follow.

The 24/25 Classification for JHPS and SNCN was shared and discussed with the Parent Council.

Pupil Equity Fund Update

The PEF money has now been allocated for spending this year.

School Budget Update

This year's budget is spent

School Fund Update

Awaiting update

AOCB:

None

End of report

Appendix 1 – Fundraisers update

Meeting 5 December 2023 6.15pm @ Costa

Core Fundraising Attendees: Lindsey Anderson, Nicola Haswell, Debbie Mutter

Apologies: Lynsey Kerr, Patricia Banner

Guests: None

Meeting 16 January 2024 6.15pm @ Costa

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Apologies: Lynsey Kerr, Patricia Banner

Guests: None

**** Fundraisers meet first Tuesday monthly 6.15pm at Costa (Odeon)– all welcome**

MONTHLY FUNDRAISING MEETINGS:

EVENTS HELD:

Festive Bag Pack at Morrisons – Sun 26 Nov 10am-2pm

Struggled for volunteers.

Raised £367.31

Propose do another but slightly earlier in 2024 as too much happens Nov/Dec for families. Resulted in some Facebook traffic.

Xmas Fair - 1 Dec 2023 - 6-8pm - PC Fundraising held raffle, chocolate stall and bottle stall as before.

Prep night on 21 Nov worked really well with a few parent and staff volunteers (8 of us)

Struggled for volunteers for Fair itself outside of PC

Raised £1267.59 (Choc £282.59, Bottle £443.00 & Raffle £542.00) less expenses £85.84 resulting in Net £1181.75 on the night

In general terms, funds down c£500 on 2022 Xmas Fair which could be for a variety of reasons – perhaps it was exceptional year post covid, cost of living impacts, confusion of simultaneous school £5 raffle where tickets sent home.

Name the Elf Scratch Cards (£2 per square, £20 to school & £20 to winner)

Raised £380 which was a great boost given drop at Fair itself. Definitely continue with these.

Consider whether traditional Choc/Bottle/Raffle still the right approach to take for 2024 given lack of parent volunteers. Fundraising will think about alternatives e.g. Wheelbarrow of Booze, Parent Pay type raffle, Crate of Chocolate, Raffle Tree, etc. Do a poll to gather feedback from parents.

Total Xmas funds across all these sources £1929.06

Panto Buses – cost £1320 - parents donated an amazing £912.50 towards Panto buses via ParentPay, which massively offsets the drop in funds from the Xmas Fair itself, resulting in remaining £407.50 being paid 18/1/24 by PC.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2024....

Wednesday 21 February – School disco – agreed with Ms Dougan - Hall booked

Thursday 7 March – World Book Day – Golden Tickets in library trolleys – liaising Miss Baldie
 Mid March – Uniform Exchange prior to Easter hols – could this link to school charity shop event?
 Mid March – Easter Raffle
 Wednesday 22 May – Summer Disco (inc. Nursery movers) – agreed with Ms Dougan - Hall booked
 Friday 7 June – Donut Day (propose 600 & 4 volunteers to mitigate P4-7 not getting)
 P7 Transition event?
 Is there a parents night before June? Badges & Easyfundraising promotion.
 June – playground pop-up for badge sales
 Wednesday 18 September – Family Fun Night – agreed with Ms Dougan – all halls still to be booked
 Friday 27 September – McMillan Coffee Morning – hall still to be booked
 October - Halloween Disco (TBC – need Mr Swan availability)
 Friday 29 November – Xmas Fair – date agreed with Ms Dougan – hall still to be booked
 Early November - 2024 Bag Pack – TBC – Nicola checking with Asda/Tesco

*Debbie checking hall bookings above with school office.

PURCHASES MADE IN LAST MONTH

- Xmas Fair expenses – decorations and extra supplies for stalls - £85.84
- Athletics Kit (£400 Athletics Trust Scotland Grant and £502.18 from ringfenced PC funds)

PURCHASES MAJORITY AGREED AT FUNDRAISING MEETING (JAN 2024):

- ££ TBC - P7 Leavers Ties (how many for 2023/24) & Discretionary Hoodies (make provision in fundraising budget) Email Ms Dougan for cost & earmark £350 meantime.
- £407.50 Panto buses
- ££ TBC February Disco provisions
- Pop up PC banner for events – dependency on branding but c.£50 each

FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS UPDATE:

Dobbies – succeeded in WINNING the Helping Your Community Grow application! Well done Debbie for the application. Confirmed on 5th May and the Ayr store will support the school with gardening products/plants to make green spaces a little brighter. We have a specific budget available to us as the prize and need to arrange a visit with the Community Champion in the shop to go and purchase everything we need (at cost price so a good saving). The project was to rejuvenate the Community Garden by the Sports Centre. Ms Dougan has also engaged Kilmarnock Academy and Ms Gorry will be our lead contact.
OCTOBER UPDATE: - Store has now made contact and a visit to be agreed. **NOV Update** – handed over to school and Miss Gorry is leading. She is looking to organize a date with the Gardening Gang to visit Dobbies and select equipment.

JAN 24 – Dobbies visit scheduled for 23 Feb 2024.

New Farm Participatory Budget WIN x2 - Two prizes of £1500 were awarded to the Parent Council to allow the school to carry 2 projects forward. One was further assistance with the Community Garden (by the Sports Centre) - the other was to work with a local artist to produce mosaic stepping stones for the Community Garden. Ms Dougan/Miss Gorry progressing – **must be fully spent by end March 2024.** Mosaic Club starts 6/11/23 & slabs have been obtained for free. Annie Ferguson has been paid in full £1500 on 13/12/23. **JAN 24** - See Ms Dougan - £1410.07 still to be spent on Community Garden by 31 March.

West FM Cash for Kids schools challenge in spring 2024 - we are aware this is a big undertaking but worthwhile giving it a shot. **Fundraising Team agreed with Mr Swan 5/9/23** best idea was to hold a specific meeting to discuss.

JAN 24 - Debbie discuss with Ms Dougan feasibility of collaborative approach?

Neighbourly - is a free platform connecting businesses that have volunteer time, money or product surplus to donate with charities, community groups and schools. Where fundraising is a goal, the platform also sends notifications where there is a suitable grant available to apply for. Locally, firms such as B&Q, Aldi, Lidl, Asda & Argos are all signed up as donees. **Fundraising Team agreed 5/9/23 registration should be progressed** as it supports the wider environmental and social agenda, as well as helping both the school and PC funds stretch further for the benefit of all children - need to establish if there is preference for this to be operated wholly by the school themselves or PC to operate on their behalf. Meeting held with Ms Dougan to discuss 13/10/23 and left copy of T&Cs for her review. Decision required re. who's name account should be opened in.

JAN 24 – agreed to be opened in PC name, Lindsey has set up as draft profile pending further information from school.

Scottish Book Trust (Sensory Stories Fund) – at October AGM Ms Dougan requested Fundraising pay £550 towards Reading Eggs licenses (50 initially – transferrable) to help raise literacy attainment across key stages (esp P1 & P7). NOV update – we won £500 funding. Funds remain in PC account pending school progressing discussion with EAC re. licenses.

JAN 24 - Obtain update from Ms Dougan

‘Get Crafty With Pritt’ competition for schools to win £5000 – winner announcement due by 31 Jan 2024...

The Haven – currently liaising with Miss Gorry for costings as there are several grants available for ASN/Wellbeing/inclusion related activity

New Farm Participatory Budget 2024 - plan ahead – propose The Haven (indoor) as a project plus another?

STAFF/PUPIL VOICE WISHLISTS:

- **Request list of funding priorities for 2024 from Ms Dougan/Staff/Pupil Council to enable us to look for grants that can support specific projects**

OTHER NEXT STEPS:

Create list of all community contacts