



Parent Council Meeting
Monday 26th of September 2022

7pm via google meet

Attendees: Lorna Donnelly, Cheryl Crawford, Kirsty McCrindle, Clare Rutherford, Ann Caldwell, Janna Hall, Maria McKell, Christina Palmer, Robyn Davidson, Cara Phillips, Jennifer Kirkcaldy, Lyndsey Murray

Apologies: Jillian Connelly, Nicola Young

ITEM NO.	TITLE	ITEM	NAME OF LEAD
1.	WELCOME & APOLOGIES		Chair
2.	MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Paper 1 Agreed as accurate	Chair
3.	MATTERS ARISING	Tea Towels: There are 81 tea towels left from last term. We will sell these at the Harvest assembly. Clare will have a table at the assembly to do this and any remaining towels can be sold at Christmas Fayre. A message will go out on the app to advertise this. Meeting Dates for 2022/2023: New dates for meetings were sent out to group to be agreed. Meetings will now fall on last Monday of the month to allow for the end of Christmas break. The only exception being 31/10/2022. As this date is Halloween, we have discussed moving this to Tuesday 01/11/2022 and has been put out to the Parent Council to vote.	Chair
4.	HEAD TEACHER REPORT	 <u>Primary Update</u> <u>Parental Involvement -</u> We are delighted to be hosting 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Thursday 29 th September (rescheduled due to the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II). We are also delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to our Harvest assembly this year.	Head Teacher

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 12th October, and information will be shared with all parents/carers this week.

Mrs McKinlay will be arranging some information sessions regarding school approaches to teaching numeracy and maths.

Homework –

All homework will be shared via the class blogs. The main homework will begin on Monday 31st October and this week's focus for parents/carers is to find the blogs and homework tab and let the school know if there are any issues. Children who do not have devices at home have been supplied with Chromebooks. All usernames and passwords required for homework will be sent home this week (not Glow as only the children are allowed to know their passwords).

Staffing update-

Mrs Lyndsey Murray has been appointed as Acting Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing this session, using some of our PEF (Pupil Equity Funding). We will also be appointing a 0.6 class teacher to focus on HWB, and both will collaborate to set up the HWB room in the school to provide individual and group supports.

Pupil Committees-

Mrs Jennifer Kirkcaldy, Acting Principal Teacher, is organising committees and these will begin soon. Some of the committees include Pupil Council, Rights Respecting Schools and JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers). The JRSO committee will focus on safe travel to school and encouraging families to walk or park and stride, rather than parking their cars near the school.

Clare brought a traffic issue to the attention of the group. Now that the rails have been

	<p>added at the front of the school this has resulted in a build-up of parked cars in residential area, in particular at the lane in Loanhill Avenue. This was highlighted as a potential danger due to the small area and the number of pedestrians using this area. This will be looked into further.</p>		
5.	<p>ECC UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since returning in August all children have settled in very well and we will be at full capacity in December. • Continuing with the online learning journals which are working well, and we have a good response from parents too. • Beth our full-time permanent staff member started in August. • Have appointed a new permanent lunch cover Jordan Duncan who will be starting with us soon. • We have recently carried out all our parents' meetings and are planning to organise a stay and play session to get parents involved in the centre. 		ECC Senior
6.	<p>TREASURERS REPORT</p> <p>Balance in the bank as of 26/09/22 is £2772.59 We RECEIVED £18.06 from easy fundraising. We spent £30 on flowers for Mrs Kildays retirement and £42.50 for sympathy flowers for Miss Dougan. £16.20 was spent on wine and chocolates for John who KINDLY checks the accounts for us with no charge. We spent £154.54 on pizza from Domino's for the p7s leaving celebrations. 2 vouchers were bought from Woodys. £15 for the piper who piped our p7s out of school on their very last day at primary school and £10 for the winner of the Queens jubilee hunt. £567.00 was spent on the printing of the tea towels. And finally, we received a fantastic donation of</p>		Treasurer

	£2299 from vibrant communities for our Christmas pantomime day.		
7.	<p>SUBGROUP ACTION REPORTS</p> <p>Christmas: Lorna will get in touch with vendors to gain numbers for stalls and allow planning of the hall. Subgroup will meet to discuss.</p> <p>Fundraising: We will plan for either a race night or bingo night for March next year and subgroups will be organised nearer the time.</p> <p>Discos: The disco will be held on Thursday 27/10/2022. It has been decided that for this disco there will be no entry fee. We will go ahead with the format we have done in previous years. There will be 2 discos split into P1-3 and P4-7. A treat will be provided for ECC as they are unable to attend a disco. An email will be sent to all Parent council members asking for volunteers and a message will go out to parent forum should and parent/ carer wish to volunteer.</p> <p>Community Benefit Funding: We have been successful in securing a grant of £2299 from community benefit funding. This will pay for two pantomime performances, Tea/ coffee, and snacks. We will be sending out invites for older relatives and neighbours of the children asking them to attend. We hope to build positive relationships within the community.</p>		
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Ms Davidson was asked if she could suggest a focus for fundraising this year that we can use any monies raised for. The Parent Council have been asked to subsidise the school trips to enable the rising costs to be more manageable. We have suggested a donation of £1 per child across the primary and E.C.C for the first round of trips. This will then be re-assessed after Christmas when we have completed more fundraising. At this time, we hope to be able to offer more based on how much we have raised. A vote will be put out to the whole PC to confirm that we will go ahead with this.</p>		
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 01/11/2022 – 6.30pm @ Mauchline PS and ECC (TBC)</p>		