



Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th September 2023
7pm Nether Robertland Primary School

Minutes

The meeting was opened by Chairpersons Loree Thomson and Cathy Burslem-Hill, who confirmed new posts elected at AGM

Apologies from Cllrs Stephen Canning and John McFadzean, Ashley Newton, Lorna Templeton, Louisa Oram, Helen Ward

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: not required

Matters arising from previous meeting

- Old Nursery Building –No further plans, will be left empty until demolition to provide car parking
- Connect.scot – useful learning resources for family engagement

1. Parent Council priorities going forward

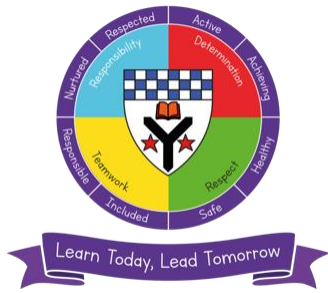
- i. Engagement with parents: newsletter (possibly increased to 3x year, not to coincide with School Newsletter), **Nether Robertland Parent page on Facebook**, link for this to go in app, class WhatsApp groups (parent led), playground, blog (please find all Minutes for previous meetings here), text numbers for School and PC
- ii. Increasing fundraising: teachers to submit bids for spending
- iii. Any other **suggestions welcome** for PC tasks

2. Parent Council Fundraising 2023 to date

- i. Stewarton Initiatives £500 for PE equipment (with Active Schools Coordinator Gordon Allan)
- ii. £4000 from Vibrant Communities available for spending. JBev ideas from staff/children:
 - Safety Campaign for JRSO: Sponsorship to be garnered to purchase Road Safety Police Signs (cut outs on cones) for school route (JButler to communicate with local businesses)
 - Outdoor equipment for sandpit (trolley, crates, sticks etc) and/or Peaceful Garden
 - Astro or improvements to football pitch (lines painted, levelled surface, drain removal)
 - Improvements to school grounds: pothole removal and new bins
 - Online subscriptions and reading books
- iii. An idea was put forth for an Amazon Wishlist to be set up for the school

3. Creation of a fundraising subgroup of Parent Council

- i. Aligning PA/PC for ideas and support, subgroup to lead organisation of events – Kyla Richardson to lead, Evelyn Black assisting



- ii. Grant application role
- iii. Halloween Disco and Christmas events: gift shopping event (more ideas welcome)
- iv. Other ideas: Psychic/Race/Ladies/Comedy Night, Cinema (parents and/or children) Night, hire of outside hall e.g. St Columbus Church Hall or Area Centre

4. School Engagement/Communication

Check blog as main information source, Twitter/X celebrating success, static information on app

5. Head Teacher's Remarks

- i. Children settling well, lots of effort put into Values, Wider Achievement Assemblies
- ii. Meet the teacher in 2nd week, P1 information workshop scheduled for 28th Sept 5pm
- iii. Classroom assistant hours, Parents Evenings (Nov and May) and Reports (Mar) also discussed
- iv. Emphasis on limiting cost to parents for school trips and activities
- v. Feedback required for P5 Swimming Lessons last session

6. AOB

- i. Dog mess an issue on the grass – notice put on app
- ii. Ellen Friel – letter received RE litter, JBev to emphasise Climate Champions litter message in newsletter
- iii. **Requests for parent volunteers** to help with skills for after school activities – Dan Buksh to lead Digital Art Skills Demonstrations (others may include badminton, sewing, craft, sports, IT etc)

Next meeting Tuesday 24th October at NRPS, 7pm – all welcome to attend