Whatriggs Primary Parent council

Minutes from 13 March 2024

Present: Alison Hewitson, Gemma Cooper, Toni Wales and Louise Reid, Clare Purewal, Vicki Rusted, Diane MacKinnon, Maxine Gorman and Councillor Peter Mabon

Apologies: Angela Baillie

1. Actions from last meeting was delivery of P7 Hoodies. The P7 hoodies were given out on behalf of the parent council by Toni and Clare. The hoodies were well received and P7 were delighted. The details of the company who do hoodies has been forwarded on to p7 parents to allow then to order more if they wish.
2. Treasurer Report - Bingo night latest fundraiser was a bingo night which raised £960. This gave a profit of £712 and left the running total raised at £3088.
3. Councillor Peter Mabon proposed parking restrictions which he would like to take forward to Ayrshire Roads Alliance. These will include double yellow lines and time restrictions around the surrounding area including the crossings and Princess Court area. It was discussed a proposal would be made in the future to install a drop off and pick up point at school to reduce congestion and parking issues surrounding school. Councillor Mabon and Mrs MacKinnon were going to contact local police to arrange spot checks as there have been no activity in recent months. Mrs MacKinnon or Councillor Mabon are going to look into the possibility of additional gate into school grounds.
4. Parent council are going to arrange for the ice cream van to attend sports day again for the kids participating. Mrs Mackinnon to confirm when sports week will be and what day they will be attending Ayrshire Athletics Arena.
5. Future proposed events

* Summer fayre which will be opened to the community to attend. Proposed to be held at weekend within the school grounds before end of school year. Parent Council Members suggested that we contact police, fire and Kilmarnock Football Club and other local community groups, if possible have various games and stalls and get pupil groups involved. Councillor Mabon has volunteered to be hit with wet sponges.
* Kids/family bingo. Some of our kids had caught wind of bingo night and asked if we could do one for kids. We are happy to arrange this and Mrs Mackinnon has suggested using school as venue. Mrs MacKinnon is going to ask pupil council reps to get numbers of how many would like to attend such an event to see if it is worth while.

1. Mrs MacKinnon shared points for the schools PEF plan and the points to action from last visit as revisit is due.

* First point to action was who does what within the management team. Mrs Mackinnon, Ms Rusted and Ms Gorman now have clear defined areas and groups within the school that they oversee.
* Second point was develop communication. This has been actioned by asking parents how they would like certain pieces of communication delivered. The parents requested for in person parent evenings has been actioned and adapted accordingly. There has also been the addition if the hub with days for parents and members of the school community able to drop in for advice on various areas of interest such as school dinners, benefits and speech and language. They are open to ideas for other people or areas where families might need help or struggle if you would like to see a day dedicated to something.

1. Attendance is an area being worked on by the whole of East Ayrshire and Mrs MacKinnon has asked for ideas on how to raise attendance levels to get kids in on time. The parent council agreed to have a think of ideas.

Next meeting scheduled 22nd May