



BUSBY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

WWHS

Wednesday 18th Sept 2019 at 6.30PM

Welcome & Introductions

Alison Findlay – Chair
Patricia Anderson – Vice Chair
Wendy Fisher - Treasurer
Laura Brookman – Committee / P3 rep
Niall Hosking – Committee / P7 Rep
Carrie Hornal – Committee / P2 rep
Mairi Watson – Committee / P1 rep

Gillian McRobb – Head Teacher
Mark Weir – Depute Head
Pauline Houston – Principal Teacher
Sandra Curran – Principal Teacher
Lynsey McNee - Teacher

Apologies: Vicky Hughes – Committee / P6 Rep, P4 Rep - Lynne Christie,
P5 Rep - Tanya McKellar, Cllr Annette Ireland, Cllr David McDonald, Cllr Stewart
Miller, Cllr Alan Lafferty.

Previous Actions and Minutes:

No Actions outstanding
Minutes Agreed

New committee met informally over the summer and ran a health check on how things are being run. We proposed some improvements :

- Set goals for the year
- Improve visibility
- Produce a newsletter and end of year report.
- Roles & responsibilities – all OK with current responsibilities. Carrie will continue to own communications. Committee happy to continue with WhatsApp for sharing info. Carrie will also tie in with school newsletter.
- Meetings – Mrs McRobb has offered to make these more information based from their side. They will take on board suggestions from parents on what they would like to hear more about. Committee to take requests from the forum.

Treasurer Report

Picnic was held in Aug

Ceilidh has been booked for Feb

We applied for The Avenue's Community Fund (£200) but if unsuccessful can re-apply next time.

Ladies Night planning is underway.

Fundraising

Dates for events have been booked for next year. The Halloween Disco will feature Kidnetic to offer more of a party theme than disco following parent feedback.

Ladies night is 4th Oct

Clarification for P7 fundraising to be communicated more in P6. Funds raised by P7's is for the Parent Council, but we do spend on all P7 requests with this fund. It has been discussed and agreed that this demonstrates good citizenship from the P7's and allows them to leave their legacy to the school.

Inviting lump-sum contributions has been discussed, but it was felt that this could put barriers in place to many families and so the PC will continue with the fundraising events so that families can choose to contribute at their own level. This was echoed by the staff, as Cost Of The School Day is becoming more and more prevalent, and they are more aware of more grants getting awarded.

It has been agreed to involve the P7 pupils in the fundraising and spend discussions so they can be aware of what is involved, and give them more input into what they would like to see the money put towards. A club/committee could be set up with the P7's to encourage 2-way discussions.

We will look to set a specific fundraising focus – e.g. this year we would like to help the school fund a new sound system. This may also help us secure grants and community funding.

School Highlights

Maths Week running 30th Sept – 4th Oct. Family homework will be set with the great outdoors in mind.

Parents Meetings will be running in Oct with the book fayre running both nights.

Greater collaboration in the cluster is being introduced. Busby teachers are attending Williamwood to learn new art skills, and WWHS teachers will visit Busby classes to offer guidance. This will provide valuable up skilling for the children moving up to high school. WWHS also looking to host a gallery night.

Ground work on the nursery build is almost complete and work is progressing to the timescales planned. Links between the playgrounds are being opened. The nursery storage building will be taken down. The current playground boundaries will be moved temporarily whilst this work is taking place. The current playground equipment will be safely stored during the works.

The builders have been very involved with the school and have allowed pupils to come and watch the work and give information on what's been happening. Workshops have been offered and they will run some design competitions.

The School are always looking for parent volunteers, in particular with their seven pupil groups. Parents can contact school directly or come via the PC to offer help. We would also look to invite the groups to our meetings.

Golden Time has changed this year to House Awards. The school have requested to use their allocated Golden Time funds to help fund the Skills Academies as the cost of these is increasing. This has been agreed.

They continue to run their uniform swap shop and the committee have agreed to help run this at parent's evening. Items will also be made available at Mrs McRobb's coffee & chat sessions. Carrie and Patricia have agreed to help support this. Items other than school clothes can be accepted – warm jackets, shoes/wellies, and underwear for the nursery can all be handed in. Parents to hand these over in good, clean condition.

AOB

It has been agreed that we will run the Christmas card designs this year. Carrie will own this, but will require support from the committee.

Action Points to Take Forward

Requests for meeting info sessions

Christmas cards

Parent volunteer requests

Pupil committees to attend meetings

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