

Cross Arthurlie Parent Community Minutes Tuesday 6th February 2024

Minutes – Marion Cunningham

Meeting on-line via MS Teams / December meeting cancelled

Present: Elaine Aitchison (Chair), Eilidh Waddell (Vice Chair), Marion Cunningham (Secretary), Kirsten Fairlie (Treasurer), Jenna Coyne (Fundraising), Caroline Foy (Fundraising), Fiona MacDonald (HT), Gillian Rice (DHT), Lucy McConnellogue, Karen Howson, Fiona Carlton, Elizabeth Thomson, Lorna Deveney, Victoria MaGowan, Lorna Thomson

GUEST: Nicola Reid Taylor – ERC Financial Wellbeing Officer

Apologies: Seonaidh Keir, Kirsty McIvor

Minutes	Action
<p><u>Minutes from previous meeting – 07/11/23</u> Approved by Eilidh and Kirsten</p> <p>Everyone welcomed – Decembers meeting was cancelled</p> <p><u>Presentation from Financial Wellbeing Officer</u> Currently based in 3 schools with Cross Arthurlie being one of them. This is a pilot program until September. Nicola is based in the family room in the nursery every 2nd Friday (More information can be found in the newsletter or contacting the office) You don't need to meet with Nicola within school grounds this can be arranged elsewhere. Nicola can help/support with a range of things such as benefit checks and calculators, access to hardship funds, accessing back to school bank (all new clothing), accessing fuel/energy banks (eligibility), helping or supporting with child disability application forms. Helped with all children accessing NEC bus pass. P7 children will have photos added to theirs in preparation of high school and cashless lunches. Can sign post to various services such as East Ren Food Larder who deliver twice a week. Money advisors within the team can help with debt concerns. Discussion about breaking down stigmas and publicising Nicolas role. Elaine suggested short snippet videos, being present at parents night, leaflets being sent home with children. Please share within class chats and promote Nicolas role.</p> <p><u>Chairs Report</u></p>	

Jennifer Graham has left the PC, thank you for all of your contributions over the years. You have been a great help with events.

Better Barrhead Better Auchenback offering £2500 in funding to better the lives of people in the community. 11th Feb deadline with presentation/public voting Sat 2nd March.

Discussion around potential ideas. Outdoor toys, outdoor storage, buddy groups, bikes. – think about ideas and get back to Elaine.

MACS has got separate funding which may fix active trail and buy storage.

Discussion around outdoor garden spaces.

No correspondence.

Treasurer

AWAITING BREAKDOWN

£6654.44

Fundraising – Jenna

- Christmas event was scaled down due to lack of helpers.
- Helpers were happy having cold refreshments not hot food.
- 4 game tables.
- Grotto really popular.
- Tombola and raffle made most profit.
- Suggestion of slapband instead of food prizes.

Upcoming disco – can we use left over tuck sweets?

28th Feb – Looking at Silent disco option.

- Crisps and juice given at the end of the night? Remove single use bottles?
- Children bring water bottles?
- Use sweets as prizes and sweets given as choice at end of night
- Use online form again – Eilidh
- Silent disco runs alongside other discos to help children who do not like the noise/dark
- Will be more expensive but PC will absorb, ticket price remains the same

Head Teacher Report (see report)

AOCB

Concern raised about increase in violence/ type and volume

Elaine will collate

- These have been recognised as a national concern
- Local figures are lower than national statistics
- If anyone has a specific concern please contact the school

Solihull links to be added to the newsletter - Fiona

School photos – revisit in Mays meeting

Leavers budget – Elaine will give a breakdown of costs from previous year

2023 - £900. Over by £30 and parents donations

2022 - £850. Possibly on budget.

£261.80 for school ties delivered

£150 for band (school pays other half)

Gillian will look at any budget leftover after buying leavers hoodies from P7 fundraising.

2024 – suggested £950 – agreed

Children all received hoodies before residential.

Sub committee – Colette with Kirsten and Caroling helping.

Feedback to meeting in May.

Elaine will be stepping down at the AGM – happy to co-chair or step back

Everyone thanked and meeting closed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 14th May 7pm at Barrhead High School