

CROSS ARTHURLIE PARENT COMMUNITY

MEETING AT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL 10/09/2024

PRESENT: Eilidh Waddell (Chair), Victoria Magowan (Vice-Chair), Nicola McFadyen (Secretary), Kirsten Fairlie (Treasurer), Seonaidh Keir (Fundraising), Fiona Carlton (Fundraising), Fiona Moody (Fundraising), Gillian Rice (DHT), Fiona MacDonald (HT), Colette Byars, Karen Paterson, N Murphy, Rebecca Coyle, K McVicar, Elizabeth Thomson, Wendy Thomson, Megan Baxter, Nicola Pattison, Susan Collins, Lora Johnstone, Lorna Deveney, Nikki Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Lucy McConnellogue, Lorna Thomson, Helen Easdon, Karen Howson, Caroline Foy, Marion Cunningham

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Welcome (back) to returning, and new members	Welcomed back by Eilidh New office bearers sworn in: N McFadyen seconded by S Keir; F Carlton seconded by C Byars; F Moody seconded by V Magowan. Amendment to date of next meeting to 12.11.2024
Meet the PC office bearers	Introduction by E Waddell
Approval of minutes from 4.6.24	Approved by N McFadyen
Apologies	See above

<p>Treasurer's Report (K Fairlie)</p>	<p>Bank Balance total is £6919.72 School: £6710.69 Nursery: £209.03</p> <p>Allocated Grant Funds: - £1000 for first aid training - £2500 for community garden</p> <p>LY raised £11901.50 LY expenditure £9675</p> <p>Visual break down including Prom to be done</p>
<p>Halloween Disco Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halloween Disco date depending on DJ availability, ideally 22/23rd October. Possibility of different DJ being hired. Fundraising Committee confirming. - Silent Disco will not be going ahead this year. Discussion of increase of entry price to cover equipment cost. Not inclusive for all, so rejected. Quiet room with access for all children as alternative. Victoria suggested communicating with IM2C for ASN friendly ideas for future. - Change of times for disco proposed. P1-3: 6:30-7:15pm and P4-7: &:30-8:30pm. Shorter first disco as Halloween disco is overwhelming for first disco of the year, especially for P1. - Mobile phones to be banned at discos for remainder of year. Will possibly be confiscated, communicate with parents via social media and any information selling tickets. Fiona (HT) highlighted risk of children in school that have not been authorised for sharing of image online/by others.

<p>Christmas Fayre Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed combining Christmas Fayre with Christmas Shoppers Night (adults only). Confirmed by agreement of all members at meeting. - Fundraising Committee have layout planned for this. Discussion of where to set up grotto, TBC. - Santa already confirmed. - Proposed date of 7th December, assess cost of holding on Sunday as less intrusive of weekend plans. Date TBC ASAP as stallholders need booked in and tombola prizes need organising and collecting. Get list from Caroline and Jenna (previous fundraising team) of stallholders from previous events. - Cost of entry needs finalising as is 2 events in 1. Christmas shopper night was £3/person; Christmas Fayre was £1/adult and 50p/child. - 2 hours for event, as most people stay until the end for tombola prize draw. - Nicola has passed on the list for tombola prizes and headed letter to issue, within office bearers group.
<p>Fundraising Overview (Fundraising team)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibility of additional fundraising event over course of year. Family night/ Bingo (Movie Night veto'd by Fiona (HT)). - BYOB possible but requires license and heightens risk of drink/driving, especially on family nights. - Number Square always goes down well, so will be arranged via social media. - Design Your Own Jumper. Blanks available to purchase and print at home for 50p/£1 entry TBC. Winner could have jumper made. Colette has contact for this. - Wooden reindeer raffle possibility. - Real reindeer visit proposed by Kirsten (again) for children. - Panto already booked and confirmed for children by last years PC at cost of £1000. - Discussion of donation of juice and snacks from local supermarkets TBC. Colette to pass on contact at Tesco.

<p>Head Teachers Report (F MacDonald)</p>	<p><u>Staffing</u>: Mrs Webster has retired and Miss Brown is now acting office manager, unfortunately the post is currently vacant. Cant reply to every message, and Eilidh will communicate with parents re this issue. Miss McMillan and Miss Lawson are both due to return from maternity leave in October, with Mrs Gauld returning in April. Teachers in place to cover these posts are Miss Howell, Miss Hunter, and Miss Prentice, all known to the school and children.</p> <p><u>Budget</u>: The impact of the budget savings which were previously agreed by the council for session 2024/25 are now being implemented. Budgets, including PEF (pupil equity fund), are flat, but costs are increasing, thus has impacted on the range of experiences we are able to fund for our children.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Plan</u>: As we were inspected by HMI we don't have a school improvement plan, but will have an agreed action plan which will be shared in due course.</p> <p><u>Confidential HMI Report</u>: Letter for parents, which will be distributed Tuesday 17.9.24, shared with meeting, explaining the Summary of Findings and HMI school inspections.</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p><u>P7 Residential</u>: Elizabeth expressed concern over one class being issued information before the other. Apologies from staff (Gillian and Fiona).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous year had consultation about cost vs length of trip and experience. Asked that this be the norm, and not the exception. - Nicola suggested earlier ParentPay availability, with meeting in June of P6. - 2024 Cost of trip: £293.53 for 3 nights 11.2.25-14.2.25. - Increase in costs for parents more recently as PEF was used to cover cost of transport, but is no longer available. - Grown a fiver profits will be donated towards cost. - Hoodies will be funded by sponsored park-run, and issued earlier in the year for maximum usage. - Kit list be sent out ASAP to give parents longer to arrange equipment. Kit swap-shop proposed. <p><u>Asda Cashpot</u>: Asda are offering schools funding via their rewards app for registered schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victoria has registered school with ParentKind to enable us to receive these funds. - Social media reminders to be posted.