

**Minutes of Isobel Mair Parent Council**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

Present at Meeting:-

Tracey Campbell	Sarah Clark
Mairi-Jean Watkins	Ursula Scrimgeour
Phemia McCarthy	Kirsteen MacKay
Lindsay Gall	Christine Sim
Nicola Kelly	
Jolanta Hudson	
Danielle Becket	

**Chairperson's Report**

Tracey opened the meeting by welcoming all and started the meeting with the election of Office Bearers:-

- **Joint Chairperson** - Tracey Campbell & Mairi-Jean Watkins (proposed by Nicola Kelly and seconded by Phemia McCarthy).
- **Treasurer** - Lindsay Gall (Proposed by Tracey Campbell and seconded by Mairi-Jean Watkins).
- **Fundraising** - Phemia McCarthy & Mairi-Jean Watkins (proposed by Tracey Campbell, seconded by Lindsay Gall).

Tracey reported that the bank account was looking healthier than it has in previous months. Presently the balance is £3,982. £2,251 of this was recently raised from the "Olympics" which was a great success.

Hoping to cross over any fundraising with the School's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Would be good to set up a committee to help with this as a few grants to apply for.

Kirsteen Mackay spoke about the Christmas Fair and thought that it would most probably be run the same as last year which was online. With current pandemic, this will most probably be the best way to hold it again this year.

Sarah Clark said that as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations that the school had been thinking about a change of logo. The existing logo is a bit dated now and one of the parent's at the Carlibar Communication Centre is a Graphic Designer and has come up with a few ideas on a new logo. Obviously this would mean a change to the logo on the current uniform but this could be done gradually to prevent unnecessary expense. Obviously the Parents will be consulted along with pupils in the school and with this in mind we will be sending out a questionnaire to all parents asking for their views.

Sarah advised that the "Drivedeck" arrived in school before the Summer. This is has been a great success with pupils in our complex wing. The school has also taken delivery of an inbuilt trampoline and rope swings which will be installed over the next few months in the school grounds.

Full Standards and Quality Report 2021 Parents version is now ready to go. This will be passed to the Parent Council for their perusal before it's sent out.

Tracey spoke about the ongoing issue of the School Buses. Sarah said it is being taken very seriously and is being looked at by HQ at the moment.

Danielle commented that the pupil role has increased but the buses haven't. Some of the children are being picked up at 8am in the morning and maybe not arriving until 9.40am which is very unsettling for the children. Parents are very unhappy and are considering contacting their MSP or even going to the papers in this regard. Sarah asked if the parents could give her the week to try and get this sorted. She will speak to Nick Crossan about this and report back to Tracey and Mairi-Jean.

Tracey brought up the different online platforms being used in the school in order to contact parents re homework etc and asked if maybe just the same one be used for this. Sarah will talk to the Senior Leadership Team regarding this and will feed this back to staff.

Jolanta Hudson has offered her services with training for Parents and Staff on Teams if required. Excellent resources available on Teams.

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Tracey will be putting out a survey to parents on communication for pupils. Also looking for parental engagement so will feedback when results are in.

Sarah mentioned that there is limited access to the pool in the school at the moment. A new part has been ordered for it and this will be reviewed after the October break.