

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

December 2013

Attendees – Marie Skinner, Natalie Fitzsimmons, Alan Kirkwood, Emma Cuthbert, Gillian Geddes, Lynne Cooper, Alison Walsh, Heather Douglas Margaret Higgins, Ruth Lancaster,

Apologies – Mr McLaughlin, Karen Wilson, Karen Sheilds, Mary Claire Powers.

Matters raised from last meeting – None at this time.

Chairs Report

- Cluster Family Quiz is on again on the 24th of January if anyone interested?
- Any ideas to recruit volunteer for Parent Council?
- PVG/ Disclosures necessary for volunteers Marie will check it out.
- Alan Kirkwood would like to stand down as the representative for PVG administration, consider going through office instead ? Mrs Fitzsimmons to find out if this is a workable solution.
- P6-7 Christmas Disco and p1-5 class parties: Parent Council to fund sweets/crisps/ juice.
- National Parents of Scotland Newsletter – will be emailed to everyone.
- Marie to look at lottery funding for school art project.
- Outdoor Activity Education Report for Ardentenny now available to read on the schools website.

Finance Report - Current Balance £1,800
- Christmas Fete £1000 Profit

Head Teachers Report

- St Marks has 1 temporary teaching post and 1 temp part time teaching post still to be filled but no permanent post as there are no permanent positions being funded throughout the east Renfrewshire authority.
- Extension: outdoor learning area complete, garden is being improved and tunnels and bike tracks to be built.
- Head lice: schools no longer able to send out class leaflet has to be all school, look out for leaflets in bags as per new NHS guidelines.
- Nativity tickets, shortage of tickets many P1 -3 parents not picking up tickets in the first week of release, an additional 1 ticket has been requested and granted until further notice.
- Big thank you for every ones help at the Christmas Fete and St Andrews Night.
- Ardentenny updates on twitter, Mr McLaughlin visited and had lots of fun.
- Credit Union 82 pupils have joined, pupils can use credit union to save for future residential trips.
- Ace pupil award: Ace pupils all enjoyed a trip to the Pavilion Theatre to see Pinocchio!
- Scottish Book Week all enjoyed Mad Hatter Tea Party!
- School website being updated more often with growing numbers of people using the site.
- Successful parents night with an impressive 97.6% attendance of parents.
- Curriculum afternoon lots of positive comments and feedback, However next time it may be good to consider the timing of classes as many parents with more than 1 child in the school didn't get to participate in both or more children's activities. Any ideas for a different name for the afternoon to attract more parents along?

- Mark Ratter, statistician recently reviewed the school and reports that St Marks Primary is doing well and performing above average despite being in an area of deprivation.

Other Business

- Ladies night March 14th Friday 2014, Emma to confirm St John's Hall is booked for event.