

St Clare's Parent Council

Minutes 4/9/19

Present: Aundrie Wilmott, Elizabeth McHaffie, DM, AQ, Heather Ferry, Nadia Capuano, Audrey Martin, CL, Arfah Shafiq, KM, Anna Reid, LK, KB, Nicola Steel, SM, JTB, Gemma Doyle, BC, QA, PN, Romana Ahmed, Mrs Absolom, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Pinna

Apologies: SM, Mark Sheridan, Mags Ferrier, CC, CG, AR, OR, AT, SC, JB

Welcome

Aundrie offered a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and opened the meeting with a prayer and gave a brief update on last years activities for any new members. A huge thank you was given to DM and Michela Pagliocca for all their hard work and time given to support us in the past two years as they have decided to stand down from their positions this year.

Treasurers Report

Gemma gave an update on the accounts and SS was nominated to approve them.

Positions

In accordance with the constitution positions were openly available to all to put themselves forward for consideration but as there were no volunteers for the roles of Chair and Secretary it was agreed that Aundrie Wilmott and Elizabeth McHaffie would remain in their positions for another year. All other roles were voted on and are as follows:

Chair:	Aundrie Wilmott
Vice-Chair:	Romana Ahmed
Secretary:	Elizabeth McHaffie
Treasurer:	Gemma Doyle/JTB
Comms & Media:	Nicola Steel
Church Rep:	Mark Sheridan
Minute Taker:	Anna Reid
Equalities Rep:	SR/Heather Ferry

New members: Romana Ahmed, BC, PN and QA.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Nicola Steel and seconded by DM.

Update

Aundrie gave an update on the cuts to pupil support assistants, we sent a letter to John Swinney raising our concerns with the cuts that ERC have made. A copy of the response has been attached.

Car Park

Concerns were raised about the car park, the speed bumps covering half the road as people seem to zigzag to avoid them and it may be better to have them extended across the whole road. It was also suggested that there should be an immediate right turn as you enter the car park as this row is often empty in the mornings and this may help to ease congestion. There were complaints about the number of weeds and Mr Edgar has been in contact with ERC and they will arrange for the work to be done.

Future Spending

Added to our regular spending it was agreed that the parent council will fund playground markings, playground equipment and 15 new chromebooks .

Head Teacher Report

Copy attached

Date for Diary

Halloween Disco	Tuesday 29 th October
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 th November

Next Meeting

Wednesday 23 October 7pm

Parent Council AGM

Wednesday 4th September 2019

St Clare's Primary School @7pm

Head Teacher's Report

Anne Marie Absolom

Settling In

Children and staff have returned to school ready to learn. I have already received positive feedback about our P7's during their visit to Safety in the Park.

Once again we are so grateful to the support shown by parents as evidenced through our Meet the Teacher events. A high volume of parents attended this year and I know as a teacher this is very much appreciated.

Family Calendar

Our annual calendar has been issued which provides an overview of the significant events and opportunities where families can be involved in the life and work of the school.

Staffing

We welcome new teachers to St Clare's this year. Miss Andrews, Miss Leyden, Miss Perry and Miss Dougan who is covering maternity leave for Mrs Dynes.

Mrs Gould has joined us in her role as Pupil Support Assistant.

Mrs Sullivan is working collaboratively with teachers this year in sharing her expertise in Science. She is also presenting with her colleagues from the Cluster at the upcoming Scottish Learning Festival at the SECC. This is an amazing opportunity and achievement.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) 19/20 – brief summary

The SIP is a planned document which details how we intend to take our school forward throughout the year.

Our targets for this session are divided under the three categories linked to How Good Is Our School 4 (HGIOS4):

Leadership & Management

Foster a collaborative learning climate through introduction of lesson study

Develop a coherent approach to planning across cross curricular areas – P1-P3 and P4 to P7

Learning Provision

Developing the Young Workforce Inspiration Packs linked to skills for learning, life and work

Develop a coherent approach to tracking and assessment

Literacy – Comprehension and Writing

Health and Wellbeing & GIRFEC

Successes and Achievements –

Moderation of Curriculum for Excellence teacher judgements

Employability Roadshow

RRSA Accreditation Report: Silver Rights Aware

I cannot underestimate how proud we are of this achievement and the fact that we gained this accreditation in such a short space of time. Truly a team effort by everyone! Thank you! The report was shared in our recent newsletter.

This year we are working towards achieving our Digital Schools Award and continue with our journey to achieving Silver Family Friendly Accreditation.