

GREYFRIARS

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 September 2022

Present: Nora, Mrs Crompton, Lenia, Anne, Louise, Alison, George, Linsey, Karen, Di, Anya, Andy, Jennifer, Ed, Louisa, Drago, Lisa.

Apologies: Arianna, Giulia, Kirsty, Ashley, Colin.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting of the PC (1 June 2022)

Minutes Approved.

2. Chair's welcome

- The PC's role is to support Mrs Crompton, the staff, the school, and our children.
- 2 main responsibilities: (1) class reps, providing feedback to the PC meetings (a link between the school and the parent body); (2) social and fundraising activities and events for the school: a really important part of what we do.

3. Headteacher's welcome and report.

Welcome to Greyfriars. A long time since we've been able to open our doors, and allow parents in (due to covid). Mrs Crompton wants the doors to stay open to parents, so that the school and the parent body can work effectively together.

- School values are really important in Greyfriars: the school's ethos is based on the teaching of the gospel, and keeping Christ at the centre of all we do.
- Our children are very caring, loving, to one another. They are also very safe, happy, and included. We support and challenge our learners, and we hope they will become confident, successful, and independent learners (important to prepare them for secondary school).
- We have quite small numbers in P1s and P2s, and the classes this year are therefore composite in the early years: P1/P2; P2/P3; P3/P4; P4, P5, P6, P7.
- There have been many staffing changes this year: (i) Miss Gourley is in P2/P3; (ii) Miss Grace is with us Wed., Thurs., and Fri (until February); (iii) Miss Harkins is coming back from maternity leave after Oct. holidays; (iv) Mrs Whiteford is coming back from maternity leave in February; (v) Mrs Barker (PSE) will be leaving us (as she has secured more hours at the university).
- P7 are really important to us as a school: they are held up as role models, and they are given responsibility. This past week, they completed an application form, and interviews, for school prefects. They are excited about their week in Dalguise Activity Centre, Dunkeld (1.5 hrs) - the activity programme looks really good, and they all now have their hoodies.
- As a Roman Catholic school, working with the parish is really important for us. During covid, Fr Michael-John wasn't able to be in school. Mrs Crompton is happy he can now be in school, and she wants to find ways for him to be able to attend PC meetings (he cannot do Wednesdays during the semester).
- We have three learning priorities this year:
 - (i) Importance of attendance. There is a drive in Fife to get attendance levels up, due to a drop of attendance during covid. Please try not to take holidays during term time.
 - (ii) Teaching and Assessment in Numeracy. We've looked at literacy, and reading, in previous years. This year, the school wants to focus on maths work.
 - (iii) 1+2. 1st Language: English; 2nd language: French; 3rd language: British sign language.
- Open afternoon (this will be after school), where parents are invited to meet the teacher, and the children can show their parents their work.

- MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (organised by P7s). This will be in the hall, for school community (staff, children, parents).
- Open door policy. Mrs Crompton asked parents to come to speak to her about any issues or things they are concerned about, so she can deal with them straight away.
- Outdoor learning. The shed has arrived, and is full of tyres and other things.

4. Treasurer's report.

- Outgoings on: (i) gaming licence (ii) the trees; (iii) activity week; (iv) summer fayre; (v) P1 coffee morning; (vi) end of year party; (vii) party bags for the kids; (viii) Mrs Green and Mrs Nash's leaving gifts.
- The summer fayre raised £2,756,91.
- In the PC bank: £4,410.72
- Mrs Crompton will speak to staff about what would be useful for the children and the school this year, with the opportunity to spend up to a significant sum (i.e .up to £2,000). [Louise informed us that we need to have a minimum balance of £2,500 in the PC bank account, as a business account, to keep charity status].

5. Discussion of Office Bearer roles.

- The current PC office bearers will step back, as they have reached their 3-year term, and these positions will be advertised to all parents. The current office bearers are happy to step back up to their former or other roles on the PC, if needed.
- An especial thank you Linsey, who has done a huge amount for the social activities of the school, especially during covid, and has made an invaluable contribution to the school community in this capacity over the past 7 years. She is happy to do a full handover with the new social secretary, and she has lots of notes on all the key events to help the next person in this role.

6. A.O.B.

- There will be a 1 pager with information on this semester's work plans coming out on Friday.
- Children can bring their bikes to school, as long as they are able to carry them up the steps.
- There is work being done on the side path / entrance to the school, and this is due to be completed by October. Mrs Crompton is following up with Fife Council on this.
- The school staff are only responsible for the children between 9am and 3pm. However, staff are monitoring the playground before school, and the P7s are also responsible, and would let the staff know if there were any issues.

7. Date of the first meeting of the Parent Council.

Wednesday 21st September, 7pm, Greyfriars School Hall.