



Pittencrieff Parent Council Minutes

11th September 2024, In Person & Online

In Attendance

Shelley Hutchison (Head Teacher), Aileen Murray (Principal Teacher), John Wallace (Chair), Vicki Amos (Treasurer), Emma Wallace (Secretary), Julie McDonald, Gayle Murray, Cheryl Thomson, Alla Kruchynenko, Paola Vecchiarelli

Apologies – Vicki King & Colin Greenslade

Welcome

JW welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and noted it was great to see some new faces.

Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th June were approved, with Vicki Amos as proposer and Julie McDonald as seconder.

Matters arising:

Banking – Signatory amendments are now finally fully complete, and we have three signatories in place – Vicki Amos (Treasurer), Emma Wallace (Secretary) and John Wallace (Chair).

Class representation to be updated & reviewed for the new school year, target remains to have 2 parents from each class involved.

Headteacher Update

- Welcome new staff (Miss Ireland, Mrs Cobban, Mrs Haston, Miss Graham, Mr Sutherland and Mrs McKinlay)
- School Roll remained steady 202 including the nursery.
- Attainment: Literacy: 72% Numeracy: 79%
- SIP and NIP
- Workshops – P1 learning and what to expect in P1.

- Learning Partnership 28th October. Looking for Parents to come in for a discussion with other Headteachers or Education Manager.
- Learning experiences and trips (P3 Andrew Carnegie Museum)
- There are some building repairs that require scaffolding. Windows will be replaced in 2 of the upper level classrooms. Information will be shared with parents when available. Update from the project team is expected and building inspector is visiting school 12.09.24.
- School Crossing at Pilmuir/Arthur Street – no update.
- Bikeability training – another staff member.
- House and Vice Captains have been appointed.

This term in school:

- Primary 7 will be trying on hoodies to order.
- Big Breakfast P3 and P7.
- Football club on a Tuesday morning.
- Multisport on a Friday to support being active.
- Achievement Assembly 23rd September.
- Parent's Evenings 26th September and 1st November.
- After school club on Friday starting next week. (target from QAHS/Active Schools Coordinator)
- Harvest Assembly 27th September.
- Attendance focus.
- Rugby for P7.

Treasurer Update

Vicki gave an update on the finances:

- Current bank balance is £1,646.40
- Vicki presented a helpful one-pager showing the sources of fundraising & proposed donation. Copy attached for info.
- Proposal is to make a donation to the school totalling £2,000 (including funds raised at Summer Fair of £862).

This will mean each class (P1-P7 + Nursery) will each be awarded £250 to be spent on additional resources as determined by the individual class teachers & children, with approval from SH.

The proposed donation was approved by all. Cheque to be issued by VA.

Fundraising & Events

- Our next events are:
 - Fundraising Raffle to be held at the forthcoming Parents Evenings – To be arranged by JW/VA, volunteers will be requested to help on 26th September & 1st October.
 - Halloween Parties to be held on Wednesday 30th October. Volunteers required to help organise the parties.

Asda Funding

Two very welcome & valuable fundraising opportunities are currently available from Asda:

- **Grant funding worth £800** – JW contacted by local Asda community champion, we have been invited to apply for funding of £800 and a link is being sent this week to submit the grant application.
- **Cashpot for Schools** – Nationwide initiative where Asda shoppers can nominate their local school to receive additional funding based on spend over a 90 day period. The school gets £50 initially + an additional £1 for each customer that nominates them on the Asda Cashpot App, then an additional 0.5% is added to the cashpot based on spend in store.
This is a great way for the school to secure valuable additional funding and all Parents / Carers / Grandparents etc. can sign up and nominate Pittencrieff Primary to help boost the amount the school can access from this.

Format for future meetings

Meeting format to be alternated between in-person & Teams, so every second meeting will be solely on Teams and there will also continue to be the option to use Teams if unable to attend the in-person meetings.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 23rd October – 6:30pm : 7:30pm

This meeting will take place solely on Teams. Agenda to be issued in advance.