



Pittencrieff Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 6:30pm, Online.

In Attendance

Shelley Hutchison (Head Teacher), John Wallace (Chair), Emma Wallace (Secretary), Vicki Amos (Treasurer), Colin Greenslade, Donna Park, Gayle Murray, Vicki King and Catherine Bruce (Teacher).

Apologies - Cheryl Thomson, Julie McDonald, Emma McNab and Simon Templeman.

Welcome

JW welcomed attendees to the online meeting and summarised the points being discussed in the meeting.

Agenda

Minutes of last meeting were approved, with Vicki A proposing, and Shelley H seconded.

Ongoing matters: Organisation around the banking situation still ongoing. Hoping to be completed by next meeting.

Headteacher update:

- Care Inspector visited the Nursery, with a good result across the board. Inspector was very happy and felt positive about the setting.
- P7 went on their trip to Ardroy, and reported to have a very positive experience.
- P1 transition dates have been set in place, with pupils in the outdoor nursery also invited to attend.
- Big Breakfast is set to happen and be run by P1 and P7, and is to tie in with a Family Time session running afterwards.
- P5 have a trip to Stirling Castle.
- P6 had the opportunity to play Lawn Bowls, hoping to create a school wide event, possibly a community event.
- P6 have a Lochore Meadows trip planned. Will occur over 2 days, with a sleepover in the school on the first night.

- Meet the Teacher event happening on the 19th June for pupils to meet their teacher who will be teaching them after the summer.
- P6 are keen to take part in the organisation of the Summer Fair as part of an enterprise event. Doing this would be a good opportunity for Parent Council and the school to collaborate on an event.
- SH clarified the spending on the Sponsored Read – on reading resources and school trips.

Gala Update:

- Theme for this year's gala is Popstars and Rockstars.
- John from the Corner Shop kindly donated resources for the children at the gala which were very appreciated. Including drawstring bags and refreshments.
- VK advised someone was donating cake for the end of gala day to give to the children – which will be dairy and wheat free.
- 40 gala day tickets had been sold to date. All money will be donated back to the children due to the kind donations made for the children so do not need to spend extra for the children on the day.
- Last year issue with Pittencrieff Prisoner due to shortage of water but will come up with a solution – SH advised the lodge for the outdoor nursery nearby that could retrieve water from.
- Even though the Gala Day is ready to go – still lacking in helpers. Currently had 10 helpers which was ok for the number of tickets sold, but if number of children go up there needs to be more helpers.

JW thanked VK for the effort. It was mentioned that the theme wasn't very narrow and didn't want the parents to feel like they have to spend a lot of money to get a costume for the theme. Suggestions included PC donating some raffle funds towards getting resources for children whos' parents may not have the means to spend money for an outfit. VK will think of a solution. Also, suggestion of putting together cost-effective outfit ideas for parents for inspiration.

Donna suggested that the end of Gala clean up should not be left to only a certain number of helpers, and should encourage the children to clean up their mess. The use of drawstring bags and ability to recycle plastic bottles could help. SH suggested using the recycle bins at the lodge nearby for the rubbish.

Summer Fayre:

- JW advised good position in the finances. The school is keen to be involved in different aspects as the Christmas Fayre was very successful - pupils will have the opportunity to have their own stalls too which is great experience for them.
- 4 Stalls planned so far including cake stall, jewellery and henna tattoos.

- There needs to be a certain number of volunteers to run the event successfully. SH advised P6's would be interested in running the games stalls as part of an enterprise project.
- Suggestion for other stalls and activities included: Pittencrieff prisoner and having teacher involvement, face painting, raffle/tombola, hook a duck, teddy bear sale, used uniform stall, eco and gardening stall.
- Suggestion of having small prizes at game stalls to encourage participation, including sweets for those who take part.
- Final details will be ironed out and posted on Sway for parents to know and get more volunteers. Classes will also confirm what they will be doing at the Summer Fayre.

AOB

None

Next Meeting – Wednesday 19th June - 6:30 – 7:30 pm
