

STRATHALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA MEETING – MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024

In attendance – Gemma Heggie (Chair)

Emma Somerville (Treasurer)

Derek Cobb (Head Teacher)

Susan Cunningham (Depute Head Teacher)

Cllr Kathleen Leslie

Beverly Sanghan (Community Sub group)

Samantha Jamieson

Natalie Ryan

Joy Butcher

Apologies – Megan Wood, Ellie P

Introduction – GH introduced Derek Cobb our new head teacher to the group. GH then went over some PTA ground rules re PTAs Role within the school and the wider community.

GH also went over AIMS of the PTA –

- A) To promote close co-operation and communication between parents and school staff and the wider community where appropriate.
- B) To promote equality and fairness.
- C) To study and discuss matters of mutual interest relating to the education and welfare of pupils.
- D) To engage in activities which support and advance the education of pupils attending the school.

GH also reiterated that we always need help at PTA events and although we do ask the response isn't always great hence why ES and GH have to put everything into said events or there wouldn't be any. It was noted that members weren't aware off everything ES and GH had to do for these events to run and was suggested that in future events it would be all hands-on deck with whoever can manage.

GH also introduced the Yearly planner (not 100% set in stone but mostly correct unless something happens to which a date might have to be changed)

DH reiterated that parents need to know dates like these in advance and this would be his approach going forward.

Head Teacher report –

Budget

- Recent meeting with Business Manager. There was a small carry forward of around £400 from last financial year. We continue to work within tight budgetary constraints. Our school fund is healthy and we have used this to support current purchases including Seesaw – with support from Parent Council.
- Budget projection is to be on target with little to no carry forwards into 25/26.
- PEF Budget - £21,000. We are current spending this to increase PSA2 hours. A further job advert closed yesterday to employ a 20 hour PSA2 temporary until summer.

Compliance

- All staff have completed the mandatory Child Protection Training in August inservice day. Further training has been implemented across the authority and our cluster took part in this last week.
- Fire and further compliance checks were completed by Business manager prior to end of last session and are reviewed yearly.

School & ELC Details 24/25

- School roll – 281 across 11 classes. 45 children within the ELC projected to rise to 60 after January intake.
- Staffing – New HT, 1 DHT, 9 Full Time Teachers, 7 Part Time Teachers, 8 EYOs, 3 PSA2 staff to increase to 4, 1 School Support Assistant, 1 Peri Nursery Teacher 0.5FTE, New Admin and 1 clerical.
- FME is currently 8%.

SIP Priorities 24/25

- Final Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement plan to be submitted to authority on 26th September 2024. It will then be published on school website. I will share updates in termly newsletters on progress within the SIP.
- 2 Broad Priorities in the school – Writing and Progress which links to tracking attainment and ensuring high quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- 2 Priorities in the ELC – Numeracy and Outdoor Learning (Focus on High Quality Spaces, Interaction and Experiences)
- Our Learning Partnership Group remains the same. St.Pauls, St.Maries, Sinclairtown PS and ourselves.
- As a new HT, Extended LP this session involving Education Manager and Quality Improvement officer. This takes place in February 2025.

Consultation Needs

- School Values were recently refreshed by previous HT. Seeking consultation from all stakeholders of what these values mean/look like for all. Started with children (visiting each classroom) and will extend.
- Open evening – Parents/Carers
- Parent/Carers' Evening – Currently 1 open evening and 1 formal. Seeking feedback on this.
- Lost Property & proposal
- What is going well, Even better if... for the school.

Treasurers report –

ES explained that in the last year the PTA have helped the school and our children with –

- A) £1999 for sports equipment (Football, Basketballs, Sports day equipment, skipping ropes, Tennis and Badminton equipment and much more)
- B) £1000 towards the new Seesaw program (see DC head teacher report)
- C) £1300 "Wish List " £100 to each class, also 2 nursery classes to buy items the children wanted to have in their classrooms to have fun with.
- D) £300 for Mrs Ritches P6 Playground helpers for items to enhance outdoor play. The P6 children wrote letters and lists to ES and GH asking for items they had researched and costed as part of a budgeting assignment. ES and GH then met with the children so they could order the items chosen themselves.
- E) £250 to our PSA ladies towards sensory equipment for the school's sensory room.

Our next set is to help the school buy new up to date smart boards for each class and to do so we have continued fund raising events over the next school year.

These events are "Fund Raising", Halloween Disco, Christmas Fair, Colour run and next year's summer fair.

ES also touched on the ASDA SCHOOLS APP, which to date we have raised £175.37. We encourage our Strathallan community to continue using their Asda app on their shopping (another 66 days left of the scheme)

ES also spoke about easy fundraising which NR explained to the meeting. Again, we encourage our Strathallan community to try and use this app whilst shopping online as this helps our fundraising efforts with the amount raised over a 3 month period inputted into our PTA bank account.

GH did the closing of the meeting and the next date for meeting will be November (Date to be confirmed)