Minutes of Wormit Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday, 8th November 2022 at 6pm

Location: Gym Hall of Wormit Primary School

In attendance:

Lucy Jess, Sarah Nicholson, Katie Brennan, Rhiannon Moore, Silvia Synowsky

Apologies:

Carol Hamilton, Fiona Scanlon

1. Welcome & Sign-Up Sheet

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves. A sign in sheet was passed around.

2. Treasurer Report

Silvia updated the group on the outgoings and incoming funds and what the current balance is. We would like to be transparent what we fundraise for and how the funds are spent.

- Starting Balance in June 22: £1274
- Outgoing funds:

P7 Disco DJ end of school year disco: £150 Other general spending (card reader, Harvest festival prizes -> potatoes, end of year thank you for teachers): £110

- Incoming funds:

Treasures of Wormit (maps): £40 profit (Action: take down 8x posters)

Ice Lolly sale: £64 profit

Uniform Swap Shop: £64 profit Halloween Party: £569 profit

Current Balance, November 22: £1776

We would like to implement a general donation towards the P7 every year.

Important support is required in transport for organized school trips such as cultural visits, concerts, yearly pantomime at the Byre Theater, Science Centre etc. Such trips are capped for pupils/parents and the outstanding balance needs paid. In the past Fisher or Moffatt Williamson buses were used.

3. Brainstorming for new future events at school for pupils

3.1 Christmas stocking filler swap

This event ran last year very successfully within the P1 class. The idea is to donate unwanted items (e.g books, stationary, soft toys etc) for a swap event. At the event, parents can pick up "new" items to be used as stocking fillers. This idea is great to pick up "new" gifts and encourage recycling.

Any items at the end of the event that have not found a new home will then be passed to a charity shop.

This could be organised on a school wide scale but probably next year.

3.2 Uniform Swap Shop

The idea is to re-use school uniforms that are either donated to the parent council or obtained from the lost property box at school. This event went well and could be organised twice/year but could be better communicated with parents in email, FB and weekly school update. Possibly organised on open day 25/26.01.23 from 3:15 to 4:15pm

3.3 Coat for a coat

In December we would like to offer a coat for a coat swap at school. For this month we will install a rail in the Foyer where coats can be donated and swapped for a "new" coat. This will help with the financial pressures, recycling and is environmentally friendly. We hope many parents will participate. This idea needs effective communication via school and social media.

Action:

Rio -> provide a wooden clothes rail Katie -> announcement on Facebook -> done Groupcall and weekly update to be announced

3.4 Candy Cane sale

We would like to organise a candy cane sale on the last day of term (21st Dec) where every child could buy a festive candy cane for their holidays. Costs: 50p Any left candy canes will be donated to a food bank

Action:

Rio -> buy 220 candy cane and sell candy cane at 3:05pm on last day of school before xmas holidays

3.5 Summer Fair

It might be possible to organise a summer fair if sufficient helpers can be recruited. We could have games, bake stall, BBQ, P7 fundraiser as enterprise project if there were interest. We could print tea towels and or tote bag as a fundraiser.

Action:

To bring up at our next meeting

3.6 Further ideas

- Book Swap on World Book Day (2nd March 23) as suggested by Nat (Vivi P5, Max P4)
- Toy Swap as suggested by Nat (Vivi P5, Max P4)
- Quiz night as suggested by Nat (Vivi P5, Max P4)
- Beetle Drive
- Bingo
- Cinema night
- Ceilidh in Blyth Hall in February 2024
- Discovery Film Festival 2024

We will ask parents for their opinion via FB on how to hold the next parent council meeting. This is to find out their preference for online, face to face meetings, weekdays and time of day to attract more parents to join us.

Action:

Katie: FB post -> done