

Minutes of Wormit Primary School Parent Council Meeting (AGM)

Date & Time: Tuesday, 14th June 2023 at 6:30pm

Location: Gym Hall of Wormit Primary School

In attendance:

Lucy Jess, Sarah Nicholson, Barbara Brown, Caitlin Skehan, Katie Brennan, Carol Hamilton, Deborah Dyer, Silvia Synowsky

Apologies:

Nissa Finney, Alana Steven

1. Welcome & Sign-Up Sheet

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

2. Achievements of the Parent Council in 2022/2023

2.1 End of school: Ice lolly sale (to be organised and repeated again at the end of this year)

This event was a lovely treat for the children last June. Unfortunately, we sold out last year within 20min, so this year we will improve this event by buying 350 ice pops (226 pupils currently at school). Hopefully this will be sufficient to cater for siblings as well. We will advertise this by posters in school, Facebook and a school email. Icepops will be sold for 50p each (they are fancy double pops with two flavours) at two stands at the school (East and West Gate). We would like to ask parents to bring coins instead of any card payments.

Actions:

School email: Katie/Silvia

Facebook post: Katie (done)

Buying of ice pops/freezing: Silvia

Organising of tables: Silvia

Float: Carol

Selling on the day: Carol, Barbara, Caitlin, Silvia

2.2 Treasure Hunt Wormit

We felt this was a very nice activity for the community and appreciated the effort that each class made. All maps were sold and we hope this was a fun activity during the holidays.

2.3 School Uniform Swap

(to be organised and repeated at the end of this year)

The Uniform Swap was a great success. It allowed the re-use of outgrown Uniform which is beneficial to the environment as well as to tight budgets. We would like to repeat this at the end of this term and organise a Uniform Swap that coincides with Sports Day (Thursday 22nd of June)

Actions:

Collect school uniform until Monday 19th of June, to be handed into school office

School email: Silvia -> done

FB post: Katie -> done

Sorting of Uniform: Tuesday 20th of June by Katie and Caitlin (4:30pm)

2.4 Potato competition

A holiday competition to allow children to learn about crops and how to look after them.

2.5 Halloween Disco

Children had great fun at the Halloween Disco and it turned out to be a good fundraiser as well. This was a great opportunity to have an active social opportunity at school with dance and games. The children had a wonderful time. To be organised again in Autumn, we would like to make it an annual event.

2.6 Xmas Candy cane sale

A Christmas treat for the children on the last day before the Xmas holidays

2.7 Coat Swap

The coat swap in December was well used. Any coats that were left over were given to Charity which was greatly received. We would like to run this event again, however this year we will run it earlier in the year before parents may buy a new coat for their child (October?, last week of term1?)

2.8 Wildflower meadow (led by a Helena (parent))

A parent had the fantastic idea and knowledge to transform parts of the school grounds into a wildflower meadow. Some flowers are already visible but possibly not as many as hoped. However, the seeds are in the ground and the wildflower meadow is a long term project over several years for perennial wildflowers to bloom, some more patience is required.

2.9 Internet safety evening (together with Balmerino school)

Although useful, unfortunately this event was not well attended. We might try such an information evening again but more targeted to specific audiences.

3. Financial Review (Carol)

We have found a parent at the school who will independently check the account for the year.

The bank account has been simplified to the past account.

In June 2022 we had a balance of £1274 and over the year we had an income of £886. With spending on last years P7 leavers (£150 for aDJ) and some gifts for the potato competition, we now have a balance of £1906.

4. Ideas for allocation of funds (-> Lucy)

So far we have not spent any large amounts of money (see above). However, we would like to be transparent to parents and carers about where money will be spent. We will ringfence £150 to every P7 leavers celebrations which purpose will also be announced on our Facebook page.

We have suggested to subsidise any school activity as needed in agreement with Mrs Jess. Funds will be allocated as required by the school and we will clearly state how funds are spent. An example is that Class trips are capped to £5 parent contribution and should be kept to this. We will therefore support any class trips as required and again provide transparency on our FB page. Ideas are also transport to the yearly Pantomime as the whole school benefits from this trip. Possibly a Scottish Opera workshop aimed at P5-7. We would like to support experiences for kids to enhance their social development and their wellbeing.

5. School Improvement plan

Mrs Jess has reported about the school improvement plan. This report will be finalised soon and available for the school community in September. If there is interest from parents/carers we will be able to report on the outcome in our next meeting. To get a feel of interest from the school community we may consult parents in September. The school improvement plan will put this into the agenda for our next meeting likely to be in September.

6. Election of new members for the parent council

Available positions: co-chair and secretary

We were able to fill these positions with the following parents:

Co-chair: Caitlin Skehan (nominated by Katie, seconded by Carol)

Secretary: Sarah Nicholson (nominated by Katie, seconded by Carol)

Ordinary PC member: Barbara Brown (nominated by Silvia, seconded by Katie)

A very warm welcome to our new members!!!

7. Retirement collection of Mrs Alana Steven (to be organised)

Mrs Steven will leave the school at the end of the year. We would like to organise a retirement collection for her where the whole school is able to contribute. Mrs Steven will be greatly missed by pupils and parents and we wish her all the best.

Actions:

Organise a giftround (online collection) for Mrs Steven: Carol -> done

8. *Planning the year 2023/2024: Ideas*

To be planned in the next meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting!