



Sandaig Primary Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th January 2023 - Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendees: Ruth Matheson (Chair), Fiona Beggs (Treasurer), Pete Stewart (Parent), Stacey Reid (Parent), Lynn McManus (Parent), Sharon Boyd (Parent), Pamela Ferguson (Parent), Justine Ryan (Parent), Caroline Baxter (Parent), Susan Clark (HT). Special welcome to new attendees Pamela and Justine.

Apologies: Julie Moore (DHT)

2. Previous minutes 30.11.2022 & matters arising.

: - Minutes of 30.11.2022 approved.

: - Roll of PC – SC wasn't in the meeting for agenda item 2 so agreed to roll this matter over to the next meeting. SC joined the meeting at agenda item 5 as the zoom link was sent to the headteacher@sandaig email address and SC didn't get this. As SC was out the school she wasn't able to access contact details for the PC until later in the meeting to get the zoom link to join in. Future emails from the PC will be sent to SC's own Sandaig email.

: - Minutes of Sept 2022 meeting. RM advised that there are no minutes from this meeting as it wasn't a properly held meeting with enough PC members in attendance (for most of meeting just RM and CB there, SJ was late to meeting). No meeting was due to be held that night, as parents were expecting to help school staff sort through Xmas toys. We only found out a few hours before the normal meeting time that we couldn't do this, as such, no require notice of meeting had been issued to parents, no agenda prepared, no minutes of previous meeting available and only 2 PC members in attendance with school staff. RM stated at the time we were not going to have a formal meeting, no minutes would be taken and we would use the time together to have a general chat and catch up and have formal meeting the next month. No objections were given by anyone in attendance to this.

: - RM congratulated all PC members involved in the Christmas Fayre PC stall. Collected just under £500 which is brilliant. PC will discuss how best to use this before the end of the school year. Members encouraged CB to do this again next year (albeit with a few tweaks learned from this experience) given how successful it was and so well received by the kids.

3. Treasurer's update (FB)

FB advised current balance is £1140.72 so need to start to discuss how best to use this over coming months.

4. APB Funding

RM spoke with Grant Office today who advised funds will be processed and sent to us over the next week. Agreed to form sub-group to look at spending funds and discussions with the school on main priorities for using it, although looking first and foremost at sportswear and outdoor equipment. Volunteers for sub-group FB, PS, JR and SR. FB will head this and organise get together. RM advised grant rules are funding must be spent by 31.03.2023 and all spending must be detailed for GCC.

5. School Updates (SC/JM/MMe)

SC joined zoom meeting at this point. Advised made over £2000 at Christmas Fayre. Good feedback from children's nativity play and all children did brilliantly. School has celebrated St Andrew's Day and Burns Day. School working on an anti-bullying competition encompassing the school values. Staff received training on school becoming a 'language and communication friendly school' and have been working with Educational Psychology on this. JM leading on this for Sandaig. 30.01.2023 will mark 'language week' so school will be doing lots of things during the week to recognise this. P1 teacher Ms Shoenenberger-Howie is now on maternity leave. Ms Nawaz has return from maternity leave and is now teaching P1s and this transition has gone very well. School continuing to work on raising attainment. Bike shelter lock has been fixed and shelter will be cleared when new storage container arrives. SC not sure of size of this and no ground prep work required for it. School did have to cover £290 delivery. Ongoing issues with traffic outside school and school has received a complaint about the signs that are placed on the road outside the school, but SC has dealt with this.

SC highlighted school attendance level has dropped to 89%, when Glasgow average is 93% and National average is 94%. Also lateness to school greatly increased, one day this week over 70 children were late on one day alone. Looking for ideas on how the school can tackle this. Members discuss various reasons there could be for this but difficult to suggest possible solutions without knowing the root causes for the lateness/absenteeism.

6. Next Meeting 22.02.2023

February meeting will be held in Barlanark Community Centre at 6:30pm. March meeting will also be the AGM. We are still without a vice-chair and secretary for this PC and these vacant roles place additional work on existing office bearers. RM giving advance notice that due to other commitments she will not be standing for Chair again and without a Chair the PC cannot exist. We would welcome members to seriously consider standing at the AGM for Chair but to also stand to fill all office bearer positions to support whoever becomes Chair and Treasurer and the PC as a whole. RM agreed to again forward online GCPG training/ info session links to members for more info on these roles and RM/FB are available if anyone wants more info on what's involved in the roles they currently do.

Again, discussed membership and promotion of PC. CB said she attended the social media training that RM sent the link out for a few months ago. SR said she'd be interested in doing this too to help with setting up a social media page for PC. RM links [@sandaigprimary](#) twitter into all PC posts but SC said the school twitter page doesn't have a large number of followers.