

Shawlands Primary Parent Council Meeting - Monday 17 January 2022, 8pm via Zoom

Agenda - Welcome

Attendees Ruth Douglas, James Spooner, Theresa Wright, Laura Gilpin, Eleanor Bell, Eleanor Grinter, Jennifer Martin, Phil Smith, Ruth Kelso Mason, Jeanette Alworth, Angela Philbin

Apologies from Sarah Meehan, Fiona King, Holly Richie, Alison Hunter, Karen Geoghegan, Donald MacLellan, Shavana Abdul-Jabbar

Approval of minutes from previous meeting – James Spooner & Laura Gilpin

2. Headteacher's report (TW)

- Main Challenges have been supporting the absence of teachers with COVID - the support teachers have been fantastic in meeting these challenges.
- Learning support teacher joining the school.
- Mrs Watson off for 2/3 months, her role will be supported by Mrs Gilpin and Learning Support Teacher
- Our Storyteller has started – He has introduced himself to half the school classes and with finish his introduction to the rest of the School next week. He is planning to work with a textile artist to create a physical Tree to represent the story for the school in the Learning Lounge.
- Play therapist is coming back so a welcomed return as she knows the children and she can hit the ground running.
- School Photographs – Morag the photographer who was recommended dates booked 23rd or 24th of March.
- P7 trip has gone ahead and in full swing in Ardentinnny so everyone delighted!!

3. Christmas fair – big thanks to everyone who contributed to and supported the PC fair. Everyone seemed to welcome the outdoor Christmas fair regardless of the weather challenges. For next year assessment to ensure that the gazebo's are secure with sand bags. PC will definitely plan in fair for this coming year, assess current restrictions to have use of indoor and outdoor.

Mrs Gilpin to raise a letter of thanks to Morrison's for their donation. Children's Charity Raised on the day £196 send in letter of thanks for engaging with them delighted by the fund raised.

5. Finance report (JS) – please share balance 17th of Jan - £4785 - see last page

6. Playground day – painting, gardening and stage building. Stage plans need further confirmation of who is doing the PM of this (Joe or Tom). Ruth will follow up with Morven to see if Joe has completed the CAD design / planning for update and who is leading on the physical work.

Suggested date playground work the 19th of March 2022 – James will submit application.

7. Gardening update (MM) – Morven has had garden grant approved of £500 which will be used to create new raised beds and lean to greenhouse and a little shed that should be built by around end of Feb.

Asks are for a budget of £400 for soil and seeds for the kids to plant and grow this year, along with further required materials to report the trees and fill the new beds – approved by the PC.

Plan is to create a bed for each class to grow their own this year..

8. Other spending and activities for 2022 - Burns night has been pushed back due to the Omnicrom challenges. Next fund raiser to be the picnic in the playground suggested May / June time.

Learning Lounge may need some investment in the future but not at this point.

9. Any other business –

- School heating controlled centrally in High Street so there is now way to manually change the temperature – Janitor only has access to be able to switch on or off. PC asked is there a way to take our ask to GSC, Mrs Wright will look into who the person is and come back to Eleanor G to raise email on our complaint.
- Soap replacements – School has resourcing issues in regards to volume of cleaners therefore some of the duties are not being met. Kids are aware that they can let a teacher or janitor know if soap needs replacing as appropriate.
- Football discussion in regard to lunch time play there has been a complaint from parents to say that the size of balls used are not appropriate for the age group therefore there has been injuries or children reluctant to play in case they get hurt. Mrs Wright advised that this is an issue that is difficult to manage as these balls that are above the age group size are not supplied by the school but balls brought in from the children. Agreement made that the PC will supply more of the smaller sized footballs (size 3) for the children to play in their free time.
- Lollipop shortage at Ravenswood Road – due to council decision they have moved the Lollipop man from Ravenswood Road to the multiple crossing at Moss-side Road / Dinmont Road. As following assessment at this crossing, they have made it a requirement to have this manned by 2 lollipop people but with no back fill to cover Ravenswood Road. Mrs Gilpin will email Ruth with the contact details of the company who deal with supplying this resource to request replacement. Ideas share to put out on social media for anyone looking for work as Lollipop person as they are recruiting and struggling to fill.

Finance Report As of 04th Nov

- £3102.57
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- £4785.60
- **In**
- £0.41 Interest
- £25 E Bell Craft
- £2345 Xmas Fair Notes
- £634.24 Xmas Fair Coins
- **Out**
- £800 Ardentinny
- £221.62 GCC Let
- £300 Xmas Fair Float
- **Planned**

- ~£400 General Garden Maintenance (Bulbs etc.)
- £1500 Stage
- £300 GCC Lets for Playground Activity
- £200 GCC Let for Picnic in the Playground

Next meeting date: 7 March 2022, 8pm via Zoom