

Present: Ruth Douglas, Eleanor Bell (plus Alex Young later on), Emily Rodway, Theresa Wright, Karen Moir, Przemek Marek, Shona Campbell, Shavana Abdul-Jabbar, Phil Smith, Morven Mulgrew, Camille Warrington

Apologies: Holly Ritchie, James Spooner, Angela Philbin and several others

1. **Welcome, intros and apologies**
2. **Approval of last meeting's minutes:** Proposed by Phil and seconded by Eleanor B
3. **Headteacher's report:**
 - Delighted to have such a supportive Parent Council
 - Student roll has dipped slightly, to just under 400
 - A non-uniform day on the coming Thursday is being held as a fundraiser re the recent flooding in Pakistan
 - 4th October will be harvest celebration day at the school, with a storyteller involved and some parent volunteers
 - Meet the teacher on Tuesday (tomorrow), with relevant videos hopefully available via Showbie beforehand
4. **Parent Council update**
 - The PC did have a full capacity of 14 members before the AGM, but two have stood down now so there are a couple of spaces available and some P1 reps would be particularly welcome to balance up the year group representation
5. **Finance report and fundraising**
 - The same as per the AGM last week (see below for details)
6. **Halloween discos**
 - The first upcoming school event, pencilled in for Thursday 27th Oct, with the DJ booked already
 - Some discussion was had about extending the session lengths, which was generally approved to be: 5.45-7pm for P1-3s / 7.15-8.30pm for P4-7s
 - Pumpkin decorating mentioned, which hasn't been done for the last couple of years, TBC
 - Some volunteers for the disco came forward: Shavana, Emily, Karen, Eleanor, Shona – Ruth has a note of names
 - James has booked the let for this
 - Better to have the crisps/snacks on the way in, possibly
 - Poster to be made, possibly by Hollie if she's happy to do so again
 - No toy weapons to be brought along
 - There were some genuinely scary outfits last time, plus the music was a bit dark, but this time it should be a bit less 'full-on'
7. **Mrs Gilpin leaving gift and meal**
 - Hoping to secure a date for this soon, possibly in early Nov, maybe the 4th or 11th
 - Still to work out how best to organise the event and invitations for relevant PC members
 - Eleanor B thought maybe up to 20 people might be involved and she'll think things through further before sharing a fuller plan
 - The plaque for Mrs Gilpin at the stage was discussed again – Morven is working on

a competition sheet for it; Mrs Wright suggested that when the stage is completed Mrs Gilpin could come and launch/open it (but this and any launch date TBC)

8. Comms working group and other issues

- Mrs Elahi has been appointed as a member of the office staff and is taking on Laura Gilpin's job
- Mrs Wright updated the PC on where we are with apps etc at the mo; the possibility of setting up a working/focus group was raised again by Ruth re trying to work out what works best for everybody in terms of regular and reliable comms between the school and parents

9. Playground work – stage, line painting, garden etc

- Morven hoping for some more garden money – maybe £400-500, which the PC approved – to help the wildflower meadow and the top-bed by the bike shed re a new bulb project there, possibly involving the pupil council for the latter (Jill McAlpine is the contact for this); Camille is also trying to get funds from elsewhere for repotting the fruit trees
- Eleanor mentioned Fiona's idea of sourcing further funding via the Co-op, which Fiona is understood to be investigating
- Phil queried how PC funds are allocated and Mrs Wright clarified that PC funds can't officially be used for 'core resources' e.g. the school's formal reading books etc; Morven wondered about blurring the lines so that funds used for the extra-curricular things like garden projects could also help the school's core activities e.g. a garden library
- The possibility of a let day for more stage building, gardening, line painting etc was mentioned and the 5th November was one possibility, so that was provisionally put in the diary (possibly weather dependent too); Morven will check on this date with relevant parties first

10. Christmas fair

- It's early, but some things could be set in motion now; Eleanor, Ruth, Shavana and Shona happy to be involved/part of a committee to start setting this up soon, with a first meeting needed sometime in October
- First Saturday in December – 3rd – will be the date for this, though the let is yet to be confirmed
- An indoor-outdoor 'hybrid event' is likely to be the approach this year

11. AOB

- Gym kit washing cycle is really up to parents
- Eleanor asked Ela (who attended the AGM) if he wants to join the Parent Council and he said 'yes'; Camille remembers a sheet/flyer you could fill out on school visits to show your interest in particular school groups/councils/activities etc... maybe a table at the Christmas fair dedicated to this kind of thing would be useful
- Bike facilities – Alex Young joined to talk about a new Glasgow Life fund re sustainable cycling, to help sustainable cycling projects, and whether we could use this to apply for funds for another bike shed; expressions of interest needed by October, so could the PC front this, as enquiries/applications need to be taken forward by constituted organisations (which the PC is, whereas the bike bus isn't); Phil offered to help and Mrs Wright mentioned Mrs Meehan again and her desire to look into a new southern route for the bike bus; Alex also mentioned that there'll be a Halloween-themed bike bus ride (probs on Friday 28th Oct), so a good time for newcomers to join

End of public meeting

Phil Smith Stand-in Secretary

Next meeting 7th November.

Finance report (highlights)

<u>Shawlands Primary School Parent Council</u>				
<u>Summary of events at for the year ending 12 Sept 2022</u>				
				<u>Contribution</u>
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>to Funds</u>
<u>Events</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Halloween Disco	1	207.00	219.46	(12.46)
Stage	2	0.00	2,683.18	(2,683.18)
Jun Disco	3	547.95	110.00	437.95
Playground	All	0.00	540.23	(540.23)
Picnic In The Playground	3	1,921.41	209.50	1,711.91
Woodwork	All	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
P7 Hoodies	3	520.50	884.00	(363.50)
Xmas Fair	1	3,004.24	521.62	2,482.62
P7 Trip	2	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
P1 Handprints	1	41.50	0.00	41.50
Retirement/leaving flowers	3	0.00	110.00	(110.00)
Miscellaneous	All	0.00	122.34	(122.34)
Easy Fundraising	All	330.68	0.00	330.68
Bank Interest	All	1.69	0.00	1.69
Total fundraising		6,574.97	7,000.33	(425.36)

<u>Shawlands Primary Parent Council</u>	
<u>Statement of funds as at 12/09/2022</u>	
	<u>£</u>
Total Parent Council Funds per bank statement 12/09/2022	£ 2,581.20
Less cheques not yet cashed	£ -
Add income not yet cashed	A6 £ -
Total funds at 12/09/2022	£ 2,581.20
Current funds allocated:	
Stage	£ 500.00
P7 (Hoodies, Trip)	£ 1,000.00
Subtotal funds allocated	£ 1,500.00
Total funds unallocated at 12/09/2022	£ 1,081.20