Alves Primary Parents Council

MINUTES of MEETING

Held on Thursday 21^{st} November 2019 from 7.00-8.40pm at Alves Primary School

ITEM	MATTERS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE	FOLLOW UP
1	Welcome, Present & Apologies	
	Present: Chairperson: Nicola Manson (NM); Vice Chairperson: Nicole Petrie (NP) Secretary: Val Cooke (VC)	
	Head Teacher - James McLeman (JMcL); Teacher Representative - Nicola Blair (NB) Parents/carers: Simon Nesbitt (SN); Maya Marsh (MM); Shakeel Ansari (SA);	
	Apologies: Christine Reid (CR); Gavin Morgan (GM); Ursula Pfahler (UP); Katie Long (KL);	
2.	No additions/changes to Agenda	
3.	ACTION POINTS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING 12 Sept 2019:	
	i) Xmas Presents – Following on from an email CR circulated to members, she will go ahead with purchasing the presents. JMcL is fine with the idea of APPC donating a gift to a charity i.e. CLAN – however due to time restraints this will be looked into for next year. This can be linked into rights i.e. No Poverty, Fairness to All.	CR
	<u>ii) Newsletter</u> – has been created which NM will email to members and then it will be circulated to all.	NM
	Minutes proposed by SN. Seconded – NM. A few members requested if the minutes could be sent as a pdf file.	VC
4.	HEAD TEACHERS REPORT:	
	JMcL wanted to pass on his thanks to all those that had volunteered or offered their support/help to the school following on from the very sad news of the loss of Marion. She had been heavily involved with the school and children and her loss had had a huge impact to them. Marion's family have very kindly donated the funeral collection to the school. It is hoped that with suggestion/input from both the family and school children an outdoor area can be created in which Marion will be fondly remembered.	
	Staffing – the vacancy for school cleaner has been given to Susie. Lunchtime Supervisor position has been advertised. PSA – has been covered by Mrs Watson and Mrs Davies. CR has been successful and been appointed PSA.	
	Over the weeks there has been a lot to sort out and JMcL apologises if communication has not been up to standard.	
	Alves Funky Theatre – 2 performances will be shown on 19 th Dec. We are all in for a treat again this year! Please help the children by practicing their lines at home.	Parents
	12 th December is Polling Day - the hall will be out of use therefore no hot lunches will be served, only packed lunches - which can either be supplied by the school or taken from home.	
	13 th December is Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day – any jumper can be worn, and the children can decorate them if they wish.	
	17 th December – Christmas Party – Christmas party outfits may be worn.	
	Communication App – the school was approached by a company that can offer an app for the cost of £200/per annum, which can be used to communicate to parents/carers. JMcL is happy if APPC want to go ahead but it would have to be funded by APPC. After an in-depth discussion it was felt that the methods we use to communicate to parents/careers are sufficient and another is not required. MM wondered if the school calendar on the school website could be kept up to date. JMcL will liase with	JMcL
	Wendy. Parents can access school blogs through Twitter. MM will set herself up with an account so that she can then duplicate the information on to FB.	MM

	Sport Scotland Gold Award – On Nov 8 th 2 assemblies were held 1) Dyslexia Awareness and 2)SportScotland. The latter gave a talk & showed the school the plaque and flag which they had been awarded. JMcL, will be representing the school at the Sport Moray Awards ceremony on 28 th Nov to receive the award.	
	<u>World Peace Day</u> — there was some concern expressed that the message portrayed in only providing vegetarian dishes for lunch this day that it was not good to eat meat. With some children coming from farming backgrounds, it was felt that we should be supporting our local community and sustainable local food.	
	JMcL advised that they had been trying to raise awareness of climate change and to get the children to think differently. The menu choices are decided by the council. He apologised if anyone had been offended and confirmed that they do a lot at the school to inform the children about supporting the local community.	
5.	CHAIRPERSON REPORT	
	<u>Foodbank</u> – NM thanks KM for organising the foodbank collection. APPC are hoping to get a fresh vegetable donation to the foodbank nearer to Christmas.	
	<u>War Memorial -</u> the council had done such a good job tidying the memorial before Remembrance Day that volunteers had not been required. A few school children and their parents had attended the local ceremony and it had been greatly appreciated by the organiser. JMcL informed that the school usually do make a visit to the memorial, however due to the in service days this year, it had not been possible. CR had wondered if APPC could present a wreath to show our support - JMcL suggested it could be made of something that could be reused each year. APPC will look into this	MM, NM
	for next year. NB advised this could get linked in with Rotakids. Rag Bag – recent collection raised £107.20. NM is waiting to hear if the organisers will visit the school.	NM
	2nd Hand Shoes – MM wondered if the school would be organising another collection of shoes to be given to Clarks. NB advised that the last one had been linked with UNICEF and there was nothing planned, however old shoes can be given in to the RagBag collection.	NIVI
6.	TREASURERS REPORT	
	Handout provided of up to date list, does not include Nov, a more detailed report will be given at the next meeting. Any questions can be emailed to CR.	CR
7.	CAD DADIV	
7.	CAR PARK SN handed out a plan of the carpark showing car parking places. A few other options were discussed with the layout, and SN will amend the plan which will then be posted on FB. JMcL asked that parents be reminded that they should not park in the Bus Lane. There is a drop off zone at the bottom of this lane, which is for DROP OFF only. Parents should park in the village if there is no space available in the car	SN
	park. Once the repair works have been completed outside Mrs Blair's room, it may be possible to get some extra parking space here. Some tidying up of the area is required & a work party will be arranged.	volunteers
8.	BAGS FOR LIFE £2000 was received from Tesco in Oct 2019 – it is valid for 12 months. Invoices & pictures of the mobile sports equipment that is purchased has to be shown to Tesco. NM provided JMcL with another copy of Tesco's letter.	JMcL
9.	MOVIE NIGHT 5 th Dec 6pm	
	The recent Grinch Movie will be shown. NM will ask KM if she could create a flyer. Kids to bring their own bottle, crisps/popcorn, tea/coffee will be available along with non-alcoholic mulled wine (NM) & mince pies (NP) to get us into the festive spirit. JMcL will create the Grinch tickets for the Golden Ticket. VC to bring in bingo numbers.	various JMcL/VC
10	CWIMMING C.4L. 25th L. 2020 / 5	
10.	SWIMMING – Saturday 25 th Jan 2020 6-7pm	
	Free event for the children funded by APPC. Under 8's have to be accompanied by an adult. Refer to Pool Rules for more info. NM/CR will organise refreshments. NM will ask KM if she could do a flyer before Christmas. If anyone can offer a lift to others that don't have transport.	NM/CR

11.	WORLD BOOK DAY – 5 th March 2020	
	JMcL confirmed that the disco can go ahead on this day.	
12.	<u>AOB</u>	
	Boat - Volunteers are required to paint the boat. JMcL will find out & inform us of what will be the best product to use to preserve the wood. We will then FB to see if anyone can source it and organise a work party.	JMcL Volunteers
	Hedge planting – SN will find out more details about a scheme to plant a hedgerow. Thought it would be something the children could get involved with and they would reap the produce once it had established itself in a few years.	SN
	Dyke School Letter - received, informing us of their idea to try and get the small local schools together so that the children can meet up & socialise to help develop friendships before moving onto High school. They are holding a disco for P4-7 on 23/11/19 6.30pm. MM will re-advertise on FB again. APPC will have a chat about the possibility of returning the invitation and inviting Dyke to an event.	APPC
	JMcL advised that over the last few years our P7's meet up with Dallas & Logie's and participate in activities to help them transition into High School. Logie school also goes on our P7 school trip. This will be the first year that Dyke has taken up our invitation.	
	Changes to School Holiday Dates 2020 (as per JMcL) Feb 6 th , 7 th & 10 th are holidays May holiday has moved from 4 th to the 8 th (VE day) May in-service days 14 th & 15 th	
13.	Future Meetings	
	APPC - Thurs 13 th Feb 2020 at school. Fund raising – NM to email us.	