

MINUTES

ST THOMAS PARENT/TEACHER COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Monday 13th May 2024 at 6.30pm

Attendees: M Byrne, T Kalia, C Tasker, J Bell, L Greatholder, C McCann, G Morrison, T Colyer, Anne

1. Apologies: J Lewin, J Stewart, M Foley, D Gatt, T Coull

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

All agree

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Update from School representative

Teaching Staff

Changes in staff - Term 4 (2023-2024);

- Paired Head Teacher role continues until October
- Primary 1-3 – Mrs Alison Field/ Miss Holly Sandison and student teacher Mrs Julie Wallace
- Primary 4-7 – Miss Webster/ Miss Sandison.
- SflT – Mrs Clare McCann
- Specialist and Visiting teachers
 - Mrs Dawson (volunteer music teacher)
 - Mr Jack (Diocese Choir Master),
 - Mr Friday (Recorder teacher),
 - Mr Gray (Brass)
 - Erin Carroll (Woodwind)

School Roll: 36 pupils

P1-3: 15

P4-7: 21

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

- Continue with the development of school playground
- Session 24-25 Gathering Parents ideas

Breakfast Club

- Regular attendance of between 6 -10 children (18% - 30% of school roll)
- MB indicated that it is proposed to continue breakfast club into Session 24-25 or possibly extend to 5 days?

Sponsor Walk Funds

- It was previously proposed by the school to donate the funds to be raised from the upcoming Sponsored Walk (which usually to the School Fund) to the parent council. MB advised that this is no longer possible and that funds will be used to help other school projects and a donation to Charity (Kieran's Legacy).

Daffodil Tea: Possibly need some help – PC volunteers

5. Treasurer Report

- Funds out – Leavers hoodies, £150.50
Easter eggs, £22.98

6. Sports Day

- 21st June all day – potted sports in morning, races in afternoon
- Cash Raffle **(C Tasker)**
- Ask Rhys if he's willing to donate ice cream again **(T Kalia/ J Lewin) (UPDATE – Rhys has emailed school to offer ice cream to all children. He will take his van on the day)**
- Tesco have given crisps which will be kept for the day as a snack

7. Buddy Bench

- We were awarded 2nd place in the Tesco Blue tokens. This is £1000 allocated to the specific project which was the buddy bench.
- Kids to decide between the 2 buddy benches, information and pictures have been provided to M Byrne **(MB to get back to us regarding which bench to order)**

8. Leaving Gifts

- Leaving gifts were discussed and will be purchased and noted at the next meeting. **(T Kalia and C Tasker)**
- Bibles for P7 leavers – require 7
 - G Morrison has said the church will donate these **(G Morrison)**

9. A.O.B

- Trolley for school policeman was broken, it has been fixed by the janitor. However the parent council committee will look at getting a quote for a new one/spare in case required in the future. **(L Greatholder)**
- Awards Ceremony – Committee members raised the matter regarding everyone getting an award? MB indicated that she would discuss this with staff and children.
- Healthy Eating – The matter was raised regarding healthy eating at snack time and concern regarding children getting Dojo points for a healthy snack. It was also raised that children were unsure of what constitutes a healthy snack and parents were concerned about the comments made regarding this. MB to discuss with class teacher for clarification.
- Check with JI regarding her voucher for childcare **(T Kalia and L Greatholder)**
- Check on PVG for our childcare for parent council meetings **(T Colyer)**

**Date of next meeting AGM
Monday 16th September 2024 6.30pm**

Childcare to be confirmed