

Glebe Primary School

PTA/Parent Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday 26th October
6pm Fullarton Connexions

Attendees:

Claire Campbell - Treasurer
Nicola Bannerman - Chairperson
Carolyn Macfarlane
Gary Potter
David Kinnell - Vice Chairperson
Heather Wilson
Kirsty Cairns
Laura Wyllie - Secretary
Katie Mc Gill
Jaclyn Potts
Elaine Sanderson - Head Teacher

Apologies:

Adele Hayhoe
Crystal Leavy
Mr Wilson - Deputy Head Teacher
Sarah Kinnell

Approval of Minutes:

Nicola McClory & Claire Campbell

Head Teacher Update:

Mrs Sanderson advised they are working on the school newsletter which will be issued soon with important dates up to, and including, Christmas.

The school have also been busy preparing for the Halloween fun day on Friday. The primary 7 pupils are going to be fundraising with activities to raise money for their residential trip. There will also be free activities included in the fun day.

PTA have provided snacks, which Heather Wilson purchased and delivered to the school.

Learning Cafes:

Mrs Sanderson advised the learning cafes have been going very well. Positive feedback has been received. One feedback form suggested that room in classes was tight, so this will be addressed.

School have tried to be flexible with days and times, but understand this may be difficult for some parents or carers to attend. Mrs Sanderson reminded PTA that grannies, aunties and uncles can also attend if parents are unable to do so.

Learning conversations:

Report cards, report card feedback and learning conversation forms have been issued. These forms are starting to come back in.

School Clubs:

The school has a huge number and variety of after school and lunch clubs running and this has all helped to gain the gold award.

School office:

The school office staff count has been reduced due to lack of funding. Mrs Sanderson advises that the school phone lines are very busy with parents calling in for messages to be passed to children through the school day, which could be discussed with the children in morning before going to school.

The school are unable to cope with the volume of calls coming in and although Mrs Sanderson understands there will be emergencies she is asking that parents (where possible) make children aware who is collecting them and where, before drop off time.

The school is trying to address the staffing in the office and have asked for a modern apprentice.

Family Learning:

Orlaigh from the family Learning Team is planning a Zones of Regulation workshop for P5-7. This will be an excellent group for families who are able to attend. There will also be a financial workshop helping families and children with budgeting, and Read, Write and Count Activities for P2-3. Look out for these dates on the newsletter.

Cinema Trip:

There will be no pantomime this year, although this may be considered for next year if booked by June. This would mean an early payment though to secure the date, which might not suit all families. Letters have been distributed for consent and the cost is £6.50. The Odeon are charging £2 per child more this year. The school will fund the buses.

Funding:

£1000 Funding has been secured for scooters and helmets for the older children in the school. They often ask to play with the infant scooters Mrs Sanderson thinks this will be an excellent resource.

Playground markings:

The children are having lots of fun with the new playground markings, paid for by PTA funds.

School Show:

The school are planning a show next year. This is in the early planning stages.

Staffing:

The school have managed to secure additional hours for a classroom assistant which will give 3 days support to the school. Mrs Sanderson advises the classroom assistant will be PEF funded and is a much needed addition to the school.

Mrs Sanderson ended her update by sharing some lovely news. Mr Wilson has had a beautiful baby daughter. Baby Felicity was born on Wed 25 October.

Christmas Cards:

The Christmas Cards Fundraiser looks to have been well supported. Lots of sheets have been sent in and returned. Claire Campbell will quickly check them to cross reference payments, and they will be sent away next week. The PTA will receive some commission from sales for their funds, which will go to Glebe Primary.

Halloween:

Snacks have been delivered to school for the Halloween party by Heather. Haribo, crisps and a drink per child. The costume rail was another great success. Mrs Sanderson tells PTA that Pauline Hughes did a wonderful job and all costumes went off to new homes. Everyone is very grateful to those who donated.

Christmas Fayre:

PTA discussed the Christmas Fayre and the need for many more volunteers. The classes will need 12 cash floats which Claire Campbell will arrange, plus floats for PTA stalls. The enterprise projects will run for the 3 weeks prior to the Fayre and school will be looking for parents/carers to attend to talk about jobs/world of work. A lot more market research and a bit more in depth-delving into the business side will take place this year. PTA talked about the successes of last year, and Mrs Sanderson agreed the funds raised were great and the children loved it.

Again the winning class will keep the funds raised. Budget per class to buy supplies will be £50 this year which PTA agreed to fund at last meeting. More can be 'pitched' for if classes wish!

Jobs so far ...

Laura Wyllie, Kirsty Cairns, and David Kinnell agreed to start approaching companies for raffle prizes.

Laura Wyllie will sell raffle tickets using PayPal (friends and family option) and David will promote the raffle.

Gary Potter will organise the bottle stall.

David & Sarah Kinnell will organise Aladdin's cave.

Jaelyn Love will organise the collection and sorting of the chocolate tombola.

Kirsty Cairns agreed to set up and run the chocolate tombola stall on the day.

Claire and Richard Campbell will organise and man tea and coffee stall.

Heather Wilson will sell raffle tickets on the day.

Adele Hayhoe, Carolyn Macfarlane, Julia (P7 mum) will help with baking stall.

Nicola will send out the updated stalls list, and do the hot chocolate stall.

PTA talked about the need for more volunteers and the fact a lot of parents who helped in past are no longer parents of children in school, so a big drive needed for helpers.

Mrs Sandersons tells PTA her husband will again kindly donate the top prize a Samsung TV!!

It was noted PTA will be looking for donations of mince pies and shortbread for tea and coffee stalls.

Christmas activities:

Christmas dates to follow on school newsletter. Mrs Sanderson has dates to be confirmed for Christmas lunch and school parties where she hopes Santa may make an appearance.

Children will be allowed to wear Christmas jumpers in the month of December and welcomes donations of old jumpers.

Beecham's party night/Baldie Bingo:

Friday 1st March 2024

Hall booked, Buffet booked and DJ booked.

Will discuss selling tickets at next meeting.

AOB: N/A

Date of next meeting Thursday 23rd November 6pm. All welcome @ Fullerton Connexions