

West Kilbride Primary School

Parent Council Meeting

Via Zoom

22nd May 2023

In attendance: Emma Clark, Michelle Murray, Karen Harkins, Kirsty Rolfe, Tyler Poole, Phil Pritchard, Louise Meeke, Judith Spence, Joe Douglas, Susan Rankin.

Apologies: Kate Fox, Kate Matthews, Laura Turner, Erin Nelson.

1. Welcome and Introductions:

EC chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Matters Arising:

The Head Teacher post has been readvertised until 30th May 2023. No interview dates set at present.

3. School Update (KR)

Head Teacher post update. Confirmed that the Head Teacher post has been readvertised. Following Mrs Nelson's leaving date, a Depute Head Teacher post will be available – no job advertisement for this as yet. Mr Poole will continue to act up as Depute Head Teacher.

Other Staff update. Mrs Angela Reid will return to a Principal Teacher post on the 8th June 0.6 FTE and a 0.4 Principal Teacher post is currently being advertised. Mrs Gilmour, Business Assistant is retiring at the end of June and two members of staff from the Nursery (Barbara and Julie) are also retiring.

Class trips are being organised by each class teacher. Due to rising costs of travel, it was decided that the trips would take place locally.

This week the school community are taking part in fundraising activities for Calum (Miss McDonald's son). All children are taking part in a Wheelathon over the course of the week and will enjoy a Pokemon Day on Friday (with a lot of great input from Miss Roper).

The Supporting Pupils/Parents workshop went well although it wasn't as well attended by parents as hoped. The plan is to potentially run it again in the future.

There are now parent helpers coming into the school on a weekly basis, which staff, children and the parents involved are enjoying.

Tickets for the upper school show are going to be made available for purchase to the general public at the start of next week. Tickets will also be made available to the local nursing home and helpers. KR thanked the PC for paying for the costumes.

Miss Wilson is hoping to start running a lunch time/play time club in the next couple of weeks to provide alternative activities to any children who would prefer to do a structured activity at that time.

KR thanked the PC for running the recent Tuck Shop fundraiser for Calum and all the funds raised.

KR gave an update on Calum and how he and the family are doing.

JS asked if Sports Day is planned and if school had applied for funding from Spar which is available to support Sports Days. Sports Day will take place on 20th June. KR will pass the info re Spar funding to Mrs Nelson.

4. Finance Update

KM sent EC an update which EC fed back to the group.

The bank account has transferred from Virgin to Bank of Scotland, which is better due to less charges. However, the debit card currently isn't working and there is only one login for the online access but EC and KM are working to rectify this.

Current balance is £7361.73

Income: £217.91 from Easy Fundraising this month. We will continue to encourage people to utilise this when shopping online.

Outgoings: £285 transferred to school for P7 leavers hoodies, **£260** for show costumes and **£51.25** to Jenn Wood for P7 leavers beach party.

We are in a good position with the summer fayre coming up. There will be outgoings associated with the fayre due to many of the games and activities for the fayre needing replaced.

5. Funding Update

We were unsuccessful for the Spar funding that EC applied for on behalf of the PC. EC has applied for a £500 grant from the WK Lottery. Hope to receive an update on this in June. LM forwarded information regarding the Community Trust Fund, so we will look at applying for that also.

6. P7 leavers celebration

School previously requested funds from Parent Council to assist with the organising of the P7 leavers celebrations. Information will be going out about it this week. Members of the PC agreed that the PC would contribute £200.

7. WCKPC Logo

Claire Edgar kindly organised the new professional looking WKPC Logo. Thanks to Claire from the PC.

8. New Playground Equipment

TP informed the group that the school have purchased new equipment for the P1-3 playground. A wooden pirate ship, a wooden shop, a wooden car, wooden seats with steering wheels. Hoping to receive them before the summer holiday.

PC would like to contribute £1500 toward the new playground equipment. TP thanked the PC for their contribution.

PC are planning to update the plant pots and plants in the playground next Tuesday (in-service day). KR suggested a sage green colour for the pots, which is a colour used within the school on various boards.

EC showed an example of a flower design chalk board that would attach to the outside playground wall. It was agreed that the PC would order 5 at a cost of £150 and have them delivered to the school.

9. Tuck Shop

EC thanked staff for the use of the playground for the recent fundraising tuck shop, Miss Phillips for ensuring the gates were opened for the cars and to JS's dad for helping set up the table. £242.75 was raised and transferred to Calum's Just Giving account.

PC have received many messages asking for another tuck shop this Friday. We will go with the theme of Frozen Friday with ice lollies and ice cream. PC will arrive at 2.40pm to set up. The school kitchen are happy to help if freezers etc are required.

10. Volunteers

EC thanked all those who have volunteered to help at the forthcoming summer fayre. More volunteers are required to help with the event so please ask family, friends, carers, neighbours etc.

Currently there are 40 stalls planned.

A letter was sent to the P7 children asking for them to volunteer, 3 responded agreeing to help. JS suggested putting it out to the P6's. KR will have a chat with both year groups about volunteering. KR updated that there was no uptake from staff members.

11. Summer Fayre

EC gave a run down of the activities planned for the fayre. Activities on the astroturf: netball, tennis, beat the goalie. The Active Schools team will provide soft archery. Natasha Kater will run Woodland Wakeup activities in the embankment. Kay Hall is running a plant stall. Facepainting and tattoos (Still require a face painter). Lots of games that JS has been creating. Claire Edgar is organising a Cakes for Calum – profits will go to Calum's Just Giving Page. A parent is making and selling bracelets and all her profits will also go to Calum's fund.

12. AOB

JD asked how the rehearsals for the upper school show were doing. KR updated that the rehearsals are going well and all the children are excited to put on the show.

KR provided a brief update on Miss McDonald and Calum.

EC asked if tickets for the upper school show were available for all parents to purchase now. KR will check with the office if a message was sent out and request that another message be sent out via Xpressions to all year groups.

13. Close

EC closed the meeting.