# Holy Cross PTG Meeting – Mon 6th February 2017: 6-7pm

**Present**:

Marie Murphy [MM] – Head-teacher Bernadette Shaw [BS] – Deputy Head-teacher

Michelle Doherty [MD] – Principle teacher Donna Wallace [DW] – Treasurer/Acting-Chair

Suzanne Goldie [SG] – Committee Member Dawn Irving [DI] – Committee Member

Lynn Kelly [LK] – PTG Chairperson (newly appointed) Annemarie Maloney [AM] – PTG Secretary

**Apologies:**

Marie Lang, Elizabeth Anne Forrest, Anne Jackson, Claire Charleston

1. **Chairperson**: DW informed the group that Claire would like to resign as chairperson as she is unable to commit the time required due to other commitments. LK (who would be late for the meeting) had offered to take over this position if no-one else wanted to do it. Everyone was happy for LK to be the new chairperson.
2. **Accounts:** DW summarised the events/funds raised/monies spent during the previous term. Have just over £4380 in the bank\*.

Toy Sale: raised a record amount, everything was sold so no boxes to take to local charity shops – special thanks to the P7helpers.

Christmas Show Raffles: P1-3 show raised xxxxxx, P4-7 show raised xxxxx, spent xxxxx on prizes/tickets

Christmas parties/Santa visit for P1-3: Santa gave all P1-3pupils a mini-selection box – worked out at about 70p per head but saved making up lots of party bags

Crackers and tablecloths for Christmas Lunch: £50 spent

[\*Correction: Should have been £4300 as cheque for Christmas party costs xxxxx not deducted as of latest bank statement]

1. **Tesco Bags for Life:** DW noted that primary schools in Kilsyth/Banton received £5000/£2000/ £1000 via this scheme and asked if we could apply for this. BS had already looked at it. It cannot be used for current playground development work because Awards for All grant requires school to raise the remaining £6000 rather than getting this from another body. Time permitting school would look to apply to this scheme for a different project but would not be in immediate future.
2. **Spring Disco:** Date set for Thursday 30 March. Dawn will check if DJ (Arron Clinton) is available. School will book let: 6-9pm. DW noted may not be available that night. [Update: I’m not ☺]
3. **Other fundraising ideas:** General discussion about what else we could hold to raise funds but no definitive plans. Ideas included a family ceilidh (band could be expensive), quiz night – recent Barbegs playgroup event very successful. Some concern expressed that always the same people (mainly committee members/family/friends/teachers) who end up supporting these events – race night/previous ptg quizes prime examples. BS could ask George Houston if he’d do a quiz.

**Tuck at Disco:** Instead of increasing the entrance fee (which has remained at £1 for at least the last 8years), agreed to increase tuck prices as tuck is optional e.g. ice-poles 30p, crisps 50p, fruit shoots 50p.

1. **Requests for funds:** Agreed to donate £4000 towards the Playground Development project. DW to arrange cheque to be made payable to school funds.
2. **WhatsApp group for PTG:** The Parent Council already have a WhatsApp group. DW suggested we also have one for the PTG as it would make it is easier to send out reminders about meetings etc. No objections from those present. DW will set up group and add those people who give permission.

# Holy Cross Parent Council Meeting – Mon 6th February 2017: 7-8pm

**Present**:

Donna Carrigan [DC] – Vice Chairperson

Donna Wallace [DW] – Secretary/Minutes

Robert O’Donnell [ROD]– Church Representative

Marie Murphy [MM] – Head-teacher

Bernadette Shaw [BS] – Deputy Head-teacher

Suzanne Goldie [SG] – Committee Member

Dawn Irving [DI] – Committee Member

Lynn Kelly [LK] – PTG Chairperson (newly appointed)

Lorna Lalley [LL] – Committee Member

Annemarie Maloney [AM] – PTG Secretary

Oona Gilchrist [OG] – Parent

**Apologies:**

Andrea Kelly – Chairperson

Marie Lang– Committee Member

1. **Welcome:** Mrs Carrigan opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Previous minutes were agreed.
2. **Head teacher Update:** Mrs Murphy delivered her update to the Parent Council
3. **PTG Update:** Mrs Wallace summarised the events/funds raised/monies spent since the last Parent Council meeting. Have just over £4380 in the bank\* – although at PTG meeting immediately preceding this meeting agreed to donate £4000 towards the playground development work. Events included: Toy Sale, Christmas Show Raffles, Christmas parties/Santa visit for P1-3, Crackers and tablecloths for Christmas Lunch.

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1. **Parents:**
   1. **Church Drive:** DW asked to raise this issue on behalf of a grandparent who uses church drive to access playground with buggy. DW already advised her to use school drive as this would be much safer because access is controlled. This led to a general discussion about parking and road safety around the school. This is an ongoing issue. MM noted actions that are being taken to address this e.g. repainting turning circle; logging incidents with police who are frequently present at beginning/end of school day and have had cars towed/ticketed; letters to parents; official count of pedestrians crossing at train station and Strath Brennig Road in relation to need for a pedestrian crossing. A walking bus was suggested but not workable in practice because dependant on parent volunteer(s) and what would happen if say they were held up/couldn’t make it one day? OG noted that Holy Cross did not have a speed restricted school zone like that at St Maurice’s High School and the joint campus schools on Eastfield Road. MM will check if this is an option. SG suggested a Community Police poster competition.
   2. **Star of the Week vs Star Pupil**: DC asked if these were the same thing. MM/BS said some teachers might also pick a *Star of the Week* from time to time, but the *Star Pupil* from every class is celebrated at the Wednesday assembly and the group photo tweeted. Parents asked if class blogs could also be used to say who was the *Star Pupil* and why. They asked if the Star Pupil could get a certificate/badge – MM said they currently get a sticker.
   3. **Topic Prompt Sheet**: Another school issues a topic prompt sheet to help parents engage with their children about their topic. Could this also be done at Holy Cross? Mixed response from parents as some already felt they received enough information from their child’s teacher to do this.
   4. **Nativity DVD:** LL asked would it be possible to record the likes of the Christmas shows and sell DVDs to raise funds for school. MM+BS explained that this has copyright implications plus some parents have not granted permission for their child/children to be filmed. It was noted that individual parents recording their *own child* can affect the enjoyment for others. It would be nice to have something to show your children when they grow up.
   5. **Staff Absences:** Already covered in Head-teacher’s report.
   6. **Playground Supervision:** DI asked who supervises infants once they go round to the playground after breakfast club. MM explained that due to reduced classroom assistant numbers it has not always been possible to have a presence in the playground. MM+BS try when they can but have also been covering breakfast club. Mrs Love has now returned to work and she would normally monitor infant playground from 08:50.
   7. **AOB:** LK will email MM in relation to a *Charity of the Year* scheme at her husband’s work which can provide resources for organisations and schools.