

Parent Council Minutes

AGM Meeting – Monday 5th June 2017

Head Teacher – Mrs Paula Brazill

Principal Teachers – Mrs Julie McColl / Mrs Anne Yuill

Parish Rep – Sacred Heart – Mrs Karen Brown

Parent Council Clerk – Mrs Michele Fenton

Chairperson – Mr Mark Molloy

Vice Chair – Mrs Ivelina McAtee

Treasurer – Mrs Katrina Semple

Secretary – Ms Jacqueline Griffen

Councillor – Mr Allan Graham

Apologies – Mrs Kirsty Craig - Teacher Representative

Parent Members - Ms KirstyAnn McCafferty,

Parent Member - Ms Liz McPhail – Has Stepped Down

Councillor – William Goldie

Apologies were read out of those who could not attend.

Mrs Brazill started the off by going over the School Improvement Report. The School Improvement Plan was handed out to all in attendance. Copy Attached.

Mrs Fenton to contact other Councillors in our ward and invite them along to further meetings.

Parent Council have been asked to source a cheap style Fitbit for the children, a class set or group to monitor and keep track of their walking during assemblies.

PEF money which all schools will receive from the Scottish government may be used to reduce class sizes and obtain more teaching staff. This has still be clarified by HQ. YMCA play leaders have been sourced at approx. £1300 – which will include lunch time activities for pupils. The parent council were happy with the focus for the school improvement plan and they in turn will focus on health and wellbeing.

Breakfast Club – will remain in and the parent council are happy to have parent helpers when required due to the number of pupils accessing it. We have still to find a staff member to take up this in August.

Katrina – Treasurer – Tie donations from the Parent Council – Nursery - £91.50 and School - £108.00. £1455.10 currently in the account.

Karen – Parish Rep – No parish information at present. All confirmations for P7 pupils next year will be conducted by the Archbishop. Both Sacred Heart and St Joseph's pupils will make the sacrament at St Joseph's Parish Church. Details to follow at a later date.

Constitution changes have been made and Jacqueline Griffen (secretary) will type these up and email Michele to add to the first class folder and file. These will also be put on the school website. The PC members will try and get information out to parents regarding any new members wanting to join PC or PTA. Mark talked about deleting the old PC Facebook accounts and starting fresh with a new one. All comments will be approved before they are posted. Mark was unable to gain any Benches from Amazon but they may be able to help us out with free gifts throughout the year.

Cycle Scotland was discussed and the PC are looking into this.

Parent Appointments – Some of the PC Members will come along and speak to parents about how they can get involved with the school.

The P1 trip was discussed – Adventure Planet was chosen to keep all of them contained in one area due to health and safety reasons and their health and wellbeing. P1 have also ventured out at Summerlee this year.

Jacqueline Griffen talked about parents coming along with the children that are not settling or who have challenging behaviour on class trips. Mrs Brazill mentioned that we have asked parents in the past but some parents have not agreed with this. It may be looked at again with future trips.

Mark handed out a sample of a questionnaire that could be given out to parents. This was looked over and some amendments would need to be made on the questions that the parent council can ask. Mrs Brazill explained that the school questionnaire highlights progress and areas for improvement. Parent Council questionnaire should focus on evaluating the parent council role.

Communications – Texts/XpressionApp/School Bulletin – are all being used to communicate with parents. Some parents have not updated their email addresses or downloaded the Xpression App. The school have also noticed the decline in parents not using the online payment system for the trips which creates more work for the office.

Julie McColl – P7 class teacher mentioned that the pupils no longer wanted the Photobooth and the PC are happy to just give over the money to help with the organisation of the prom night. Approx. £250.

Community Grant Application deadline may have passed but we can still submit. Grant can be made up to £1000. Parent council to address this.

Recent Attacks in England – The children have been spoken to about this during assembly and they school have prayed for all effected. Mrs Brazill has shared information to help parents support their children via the school facebook page.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 22nd June for the calendar to be updated along with some of the parent council members and Mrs Brazill.

The next Parent Council Meeting has not been arranged and will follow on our return in August.