

2. Parent Council Annual General Meeting – Head Teacher’s Report

JF advised that in normal circumstances the Head Teacher’s Report would reflect on the previous year however, given her recent appointment JF delivered a presentation reflecting on recent changes implemented in the school. The on-going aspects of the School Improvement Plan include:

- Gate Security now reviewed
- Security Procedures reviewed
- Bid to NLC for higher fencing
- Bid to NLC for bamboo fencing around school bins

- Nursery Kitchen
- Staff Kitchen
- Blinds (now fitted)
- Building painted (outside first before Christmas, inside during summer – or potentially before)
- Resource Management

After school clubs – staff have volunteered and helped to create 12 clubs from P1-P7.

Policy Updates – blog being updated this evening

- Curriculum Planning
- Significant investment in Literacy material
- Jotters home termly to encourage shared target setting
- Reward for lines and class of the month (awarded for the first time at today’s assembly)
- Revised line up and interval procedures

How good is our school

JF took this opportunity to provide an update on the results of the ‘How good is our school’ Parental Questionnaire, a summary of which was issued in the October Newsletter.

There was a fantastic return of 127 questionnaires (there are 208 pupils in the school).

JF expanded on the analysis (included on both the school blog and on the ‘We Asked, You Said, We Did’ wall display in the main foyer.

All of the results will be used to directly inform change and improvements to our school. The focus will be on areas that scored below 80% for the positive response. These include:

- I feel the class teacher know my child well
- The school provides a wide range of after school clubs
- The school offers opportunities to learn in real life contexts

- The school communicates effectively with parents and the wider community

Work on the HGIOS focus areas will support the Journey to Excellence and Success and Achievement.

School Vision

JF provided further background on the request to parents to help define the School Vision. Ideally the Vision should be a summary of what we are expecting for our children. Parents have been issued a table to be completed by Friday 23rd October as part of the school's consultation process to create this shared vision.

3. Halloween Disco Thursday 29th October

The council agreed:

Split times for lower at upper school
No mobile phones to be allowed at disco
£1 entry fee
50p per raffle strip
Hot dogs £1.50 with drink
Tuck shop will be available to kids

LW to design a flyer, advising parents of details of the disco, including prices for entry, hot dogs and tuck.

LW advised that the DJ usually charges £50, however is likely to be more expensive as the booking is for longer to cover the split discos. LW to contact DJ.

KMcL will arrange 2 Halloween Hampers for raffle prizes.

MT will purchase tuck-shop and juice.

KMcC will purchase hot dog rolls.

FB will purchase hot dogs, onions and sauce.

4. Update on Disclosure

FB advised of the contact details at Kildonan Street in order to arrange the PVG interview. FB to email AMcC to advise process. KMcC to establish whether her current status is sufficient in line with PC requirements.

5. Update on Bank Account

LW advised that a PC account is to be opened with HBOS and the existing account with Clydesdale to be closed shortly thereafter when the balance of the account has been transferred.

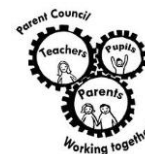
6. Update on P7 ties

There was a short discussion on the idea of using PC funds to purchase P7 ties. JF is concerned that whilst the idea is sound for the year of introduction, it may not be the best use of PC funds in future years. JF will consider further what the fairest process will be.

Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd November 2015



St. Andrew's Primary School Parent Council Report Annual General Meeting - 5 October 2015



What is the Parent Council?

The Parent Council is the Committee appointed by the Parent Forum (all parents with a child attending the school) to run matters on its behalf.

The Parent Council of St. Andrew's Primary was established in 2006, replacing the old School Board. The Parent Council is designed to be less formal and friendlier to encourage more and different parents to get involved in the life of their school.

The Parent Council hold at least 8 meetings in the year to discuss a wide variety of issues surrounding the school. Our agenda often includes the organisation of fundraising events, purchases for the school and discussion regarding concerns or suggestions passed on from parents/carers.

Who are the Parent Council?

The Parent Council committee members are:

Louise White - Chair
Carolann Shields - Treasurer
Maria Timoney - Secretary
Elaine Johnston - Church representative

Our sub-committee members are:

Frances Bath - Minute taker
Alison McCool
Donna Shaw
Keisha Wough
Kelly Goldie

What does the Parent Council do?

The role of the Parent Council is to:

- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils, its parents, the Roman Catholic Church and the wider community to ensure that all pupils develop their full potential.
- Support the school in its work with pupils.
- Represent the views of all parents and report back to all parents in the school.
- Encourage links between the school, parents, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community.
- Play a role in the appointment of head teachers and depute head teachers.
- Support the school and pupils during school inspections.

Parent Council Report

We are now into the third month of the new school term and, as such, no fundraising events have yet taken place. However, dates have been confirmed in our fundraising calendar and these are as follows:

29 October 2015 - Halloween themed disco
5 December 2015 - Christmas Fayre
4 February 2016 - Disco
21 April 2016 - Disco

Our school discos are very effective at bringing in funds with not a lot of outlay and, more importantly, the children thoroughly enjoy them.

Our one big annual fundraiser is the Christmas Fayre. This year it will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2015. We rely heavily on donations from local companies, parents and extended family members. It is their continued generosity and support that allows this fundraising event to be so successful year after year.

Previous fundraising activities have allowed the Parent Council to help the School in the purchase of various additional resources. To give contrasting examples: the purchase of 10 mini iPads in the Spring of 2014, contribution towards the new sound system in June 2015, and on a smaller, but equally as valuable scale, the purchase of 90 hi-vis vests for school trips at the beginning of this new term in August 2015.

Other Parent Council purchases have included Christmas pantomimes, tracksuits, magnetic boards, purposeful play resources, High School ties for P7s and the annual graduation disco.

Treasurer's Report

The Parent Council are currently in the process of switching banks due to the unsatisfactory handling of our account by the Clydesdale Bank. A precise update on our bank account status will be confirmed at our next Parent Council meeting on 2 November 2015.

As at October 2015, the Parent Council's bank balance is £684.

Issues addressed during the year

The Parent Council has always been a forum for parents to bring specific issues with which they are concerned regarding their children at school. In addition, the Parent Council meetings can address factors which can influence the way in which our children are educated. The Parent Council have addressed and discussed extensively a number of issues, such as the following:

- Parking at the School.
- Homework.
- After school clubs.
- Language by adults in the school yard.
- Dogs in the yard.
- School trips.

Looking forward 2015/16

The Chair will formally invite the parents to continue as members of the Parent Council. In the event that they agree to do so and the relevant positions are filled, then in accordance with the 2006 Act, there are still many opportunities for enthusiastic parental involvement at all levels of commitment. Involvement with the Parent Council is encouraged and such an invitation to be involved is extended to the wider Parent Forum.

Louise White, Chair
5 October 2015