St Andrew's Primary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes Monday 5th February 2018

Present: Committee: Anthony McAllister (Chairperson)

Carolann Shields (Treasurer) Frances Bath (Secretary)

Kelly McLaughlan (Council Member)

School Reps: Jennifer Flanagan (HT)

Apologies:

Donna Shaw (Vice Chairperson)
Elaine Johnston (Church rep)
Alison McCool (Council Member)
Kelly Goldie (Council Member)
Adele Meechan (Council Member)
Siobhan Kerr (Council Member)

1.Welcome

AMcA opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

2. Approval of previous minutes

All members agreed the minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Head Teachers Report

JF provided a report and encouraged discussion on the following areas:

Budget

Spends include:

- > Furniture and fittings refresh programme including stage curtain and seating
- ➤ ICT Hardware smartboards, tools for programming, TV video casting, Geneetouch tables, class computers, stage lighting
- ➤ Materials apparatus and equipment stock and art order, refreshed banded books, novel studies, resources for dyslexia
- Nurture / PEF trips targeting OSHL, increased CLD and Parent Partnerships

Nursery – new environment for learning focusing on creativity and Parent Partnerships

Staff Training

- > February INSET will include training dealing with child development and behaviour for learning
- > May INSET will include training on Holistic Assessment
- ➤ In Feb/March training on the Maths resource SEAL will be undertaken by one member of staff
- ➤ Introduction CEM testing in May for P1, 3 and 7 and further SSNL Government testing to be included for P1, 4 and 7

Parent Partnerships

JF provided an Annual Event Planner detailing all Parent Partnership activities running from Aug `17 to June `18. Examples include, Parent Drop in, Outdoor Learning, and Litter Pick etc.

Upcoming events

INSET SOLIHUL
Sacramental Meeting in Church
Lenten Fundraisers
P7 show - Matilda
ABC African music focus in April P4-7
World Work Week in April
Outdoor Learning Fridays with Parent Partnerships
Football, netball, cross country competitions

4. Update on Parent Council Bank Account

CAS provided an updated balance from the Parent Council Bank Account, which currently stands at £1654. Funds raised to date by the Rag Bag scheme of £48 have still to be added to this balance.

5. Fundraising

AMCA advised he had been successful in achieving grant funding from both the Education, Youth and Communities Dept in North Lanarkshire Council and from Councillor Trevor Douglas for £420 and £200 respectively. AMCA provided business cases to apply for funding to cover the costs involved of both the Parent Council School Disco and the Bingo Evening.

➤ Parent Council Disco 21st February & 25th April – The disco's will be held within the school as it appears that attendance is higher than when run in the Church Hall. FB to contact Norbert Grant to establish whether he is able to DJ on these dates. The disco will run from 6.30pm to 8pm.

- ➤ The Parent Council Bingo Evening will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 22nd March. Children will be welcome to attend the event. CAS will work with EJ and DS to organise the event. Letters will be issued to local businesses asking for donations for prizes. CAS will arrange a sub meeting to iron out details, if necessary.
- > A final date for the Parent Council Race Night is still to be arranged. The event will potentially now run in April / May.

6. AOB

JF advised that since the stage lighting will be funded from the school budget, funds raised this year by the Parent Council will be used to continue work in the grounds of the school for outdoor storage and the garden pond.

KMcL advised she would provide a Pamper Day/ Treatment Voucher donated by New College Lanarkshire for Mothers Day, which could be raffled in the school to raise funds for the Parent Council.

JF briefly advised that this years P1 intake is significantly low at only 12 pupils. This will have an impact on staffing levels for the year 2018 – 2019.

Date of next meeting – 5th March 2018