

**St Andrew's Primary School  
Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Present:                      Committee:                      Anthony McAllister (Chairperson)  
Donna Shaw (Vice Chairperson)  
Carolann Shields (Treasurer)  
Elaine Johnston (Church rep)  
Adele Meechan (Secretary)

                                    School Reps:                      Jennifer Flanagan (HT)

Apologies:                                      Keisha McConnell (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. Halloween Disco Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

AMcA discussed preparations for the disco, KMCC has purchased decorations for the hall and it was agreed that AMcA and KMCC will be able to decorate the hall on the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 due to the hall being used for classes and after school clubs throughout the day.

AM has organised the party games for the children.

Entry to disco will be £2.00 which will include the price for the raffle. It was agreed 3 prizes in total.

AM will purchase sweet/prizes for all games and the raffle and AMCA will purchase apples for Apple bobbing. CS has organised items for the tuck shop for the evening.

Michael McKenna will Dj and has confirmed he will attend for 6pm for disco starting at 630pm.

All current members of the PTA will be in attendance to supervise the disco and games. JF and other staff will also be in attendance. Let for hall also agreed.

## **4. Christams Fayre**

AMcA confirmed the date for the Christmas Fayre is the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 3pm – 430pm.

AMcA reviewed the checklist and floor plan provided by JF from the last fayre, He advised he has letters to various companies requesting donations and prizes to support Chritmas Fayre which he will send. He will also put an advertisement in the Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser and posters in the local shops and parish church.

JF has organised the bouncy castle, sweet cart and hook a duck as well as tea and coffee facilities.

Stalls will be £15 per stall and the PTA will hold a stall this year containing work completed by the enterprise group.

JF will organise the group and this will be run as part of the after school activity programme during enterprise week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. AMcA, AM and CS will be able to support this group and the school will support the children to continue with this if required.

The 1<sup>st</sup> enterprise group will commence Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

JF will highlight on the school app and twitter requesting donations and support from parents.

JF will organise Santa and his Elfs, and AMcA will discuss the decoration of the Grotto with Christine McLaughlin.

A McA will apply for the NLC grant to cover costs of outgoings in November 2018, if successful will be notified of same in December 2018.

To be discussed further at next PTA meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

## **5. Family Race Night**

AM advised that the cost for the wooden horse, compare and disco would be £225 with a £50 deposit to secure same.

Appropriate venues discussed and AM will contact Airdrie Workmens club and Moyhall to check availability. The school hall and church hall could also be an option if necessary. Date agreed for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

## **6. Tesco bags for help Application**

Application submitted by AM on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Application applied for funds to support the school garden (St Andrew's Garden for Growth), if successful will cover the costs of materials. The grant could be from £1000 to £4000.

We are awaiting outcome of the panel at this time.

## **7. Head Teacher Report**

JF provided an update of the school outcomes.

She reports £3000 has been used to purchase resources for Maths to improve attainment, recent audit has shown this is improving within St Andrew's primary however in Scotland overall remains low.

For literacy she advised that the school will utilise Tom Tom the Philosophy man and it will take place on Philosophy Friday where the children will work on discussion skills to aid progress in learning.

All staff has been trained and a small group of 10 children will take part and outcomes audited.

In Health & Wellbeing the children have taken part in Athletic Championships, All children will take part in a whole school evaluation which allows them to voice their opinion on their own learning. The school will continue to try and offer nurture session, due to staff shortages this has been difficult however JF states this will continue at present.

In religious studies JF advised that John Nevans (Deacon) has been helpful in supporting the school, focusing on faith relations with Golfhill Primary school with a joint Carol service arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Both schools will have a choir attend, with Primary 5-7.

This current year's budget spending has been used to upgrade the hall and stage lighting, upgrading of the Smart boards and reading materials.

JF shared a letter received from Dynamic Earth regards the excellent behaviour of the children while on their recent trip, all staff are delighted with this feedback and JF plans to share this with the children in their class groups.

### **8. A.O.B**

EJ requesting support from Council members to help with the tea and coffees following the carol service. EJ, AMcA and CS are able to attend.

**Date of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.**