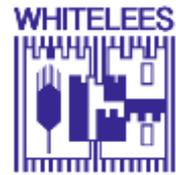


Whitelees Primary School
Parent Council AGM - Minutes
17th September 2020 19.00



In Attendance:

PC – Sarah Bradley, Lindsay Wingate, Debbie Welsford, Donna Waddell, Heather Mackintosh, Fiona Kerr, Laura Ridley, Kirsty Clark, Kim Bell, Linda Neilson, Danielle Scott, Aileen Sibbald

PF - Leigh Weatherston

WPS & NC- Laura Murdoch, Carol Stewart, Gioia McAuley

Apologies: Michelle Chambers Cran, Nadia Gibson

Minutes agreed by Kim Bell

Minutes seconded by Debbie Welsford, Lindsay Wingate

The meeting was held via an online platform and hosted by the current chairperson, Sarah. The meeting was started with a warm welcome to everyone.

Chairpersons Report

Following what turned out to be a very different end to the school year than anticipated, all the Parent Council members were thanked for their help and support during the year. The thanks was also extended to the Parent Forum and wider Whitelees community who always support the school and events. The success of everything that the Parent Council strives to achieve is only down to the amount of support and help provided for Team Whitelees.

Working in collaboration with the school is a key element of the Parent Council and engagement with the Parent Forum was an area of focus this year and was fulfilled by supporting the school at their events – MacMillan coffee morning, Christmas show and Book Fayre but also during PC lead events.

Another key element is raising funds for the school to enhance the learning experience of each and every child. This year was no exception with many activities taking place prior to lockdown – Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Cards, February Disco, Ladies night

During this school year the PC looked to enhance communication with the Parent Forum and launched WPC Facebook group which now has over 130 followers and a very active twitter feed with 309 followers. Both these platforms are used regularly to communicate about PC events & updates, school information and community information.

During lockdown the PC organised weekly activities via Zoom for children to stay in touch and get involved which included, quizzes, treasure hunts and talent shows. This was then superseded by the school assembly.

The Parent Council has a wider parent helper group who although are not formally part of the Parent Council are an active group of parental helpers who offer support to the PC and each other during the school year

The Parent Council this year will see its biggest change with everything moving to online and digital platforms. The foundations are already in place to build on what is already a very successful team.

Treasurers Report

Our target for the year was £5,000 in which a range of fundraising activities were planned to bring the whitelees community together whilst generating an income to support the school funds.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our events from Mid March onwards were cancelled however we still managed another successful year raising a fantastic £4,606.14.

Debbie shared with the group profits raised as each event and where money has been spent (attached treasurer report).

Open Balance	£626.34	13/09/2019
Closing Balance	£4952.75	01/09/2020

Event	Profit	Activity
Halloween Disco	£798.41	Entry, Shop, photo booth, tattoo, Costume sales
Christmas Cards	£182.00	Sale of personalised Christmas merch
Christmas Fayre	£2439.47	Annual Community Event, Raffle, stalls, Santa
Fabulous Disco	£653.00	Entry, Shop, Photo booth, glitter tattoo
Ladies Night	£533.26	Community event, Bongo Bingo, Raffle,
Expenses	-£309.73	P7 Leavers present

Further information

1.	The main event in generating the biggest profit remains the Christmas Fayre. The PC support is pivotal in generating funds, with the Raffle continuing to be the biggest revenue producer.
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2.	The School discos are not only seen as a means to raise money for the school, but as an important Social and Wellbeing event. Providing a platform for children to come together to socialise out with the formal school setting, along with their peers. Through the provision of shop, photo booth, glitter tattoos the children are empowered to spend their pocket money, whilst the PC also provide free activities to ensure inclusion and fun for all.
3.	Ladies Night hosted in March with a fun filled night being the theme. The night was a community event with a good turnout in what can be described as surreal circumstances. An online platform was used for advertising and tickets were sold via Eventbrite or through the school offices. The night was filled with fun, laughter and Whitelees spirit providing a social experience for the ladies of Whitelees.
4.	Due to Covid-19 our events from end of March onwards were postponed, these included Family Fun Night and 5p Wars.
5.	As no P7 leaver's week took place this year (due to restrictions) the PC gifted each P7 with a leaver's gift.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs Murdoch thanked all the Parent Council for their commitment over the last school year. She discussed the current pandemic and the fact that the Children and staff have all adjusted well despite all the major changes thrown up within this school year. Pre Covid the school was having one of their best year's to date, performing well in NL leader boards and good positive feedback from parents.

With all the changes due to lockdown, the staff worked very hard and utilised many options to keep communication and morale going for everyone with online assemblies, teams, dojo, twitter and even the Annual awards moved online so that pupils did not miss out.

The current staff structure remains the same with Mrs Hunter still continuing her role in Education and Families. Mrs Murdoch remains as acting Head Teacher and Mrs Stewart as Principal Teacher and Mrs McAuley Acting Principal Teacher.

There are 10 classes and with the new pupils in p1 and an additional 10 Pupils through the school the role is higher than last year.

The school has been chosen as a digital pathfinding school which is a very positive achievement, and they are very much looking forwards to this challenge.

The Nursery Build is ongoing, and the school is very excited to see this completed towards the end of December. The build has not been without the usual challenges involved with a large build but once the Nursery is settled in it will make a great addition to the school community.

The school is still adapting and changing daily and focussing on making sure that the pupils and families are as up to date as possible with what is happening within the school.

The School is continuing with the annual MacMillan Coffee morning this year and have adapted this to allow the pupils to enjoy this event and help raise funds and continue moving forwards with the positive TeamWhitelees spirit.

Current Council – 14 Members

Sarah Bradley, Lindsay Wingate, Debbie Welsford, Donna Waddell, Heather Mackintosh, Fiona Kerr, Laura Ridley, Kirsty Clark, Kim Bell, Linda Neilson, Danielle Scott, Aileen Sibbald, Nadia Gibson, Michelle Chambers-Cran

Year 2 step down's:

Sarah Bradley, Heather Mackintosh, Debbie Welsford, Donna Waddell, Nadia Gibson, Michelle Chambers-Cran, Fiona Kerr

New Member Submissions:

Sarah Bradley, Heather Mackintosh, Debbie Welsford, Donna Waddell, Fiona Kerr, Leigh Weatherston

2020/2021 Parent Council

Sarah Bradley, Lindsay Wingate, Debbie Welsford, Donna Waddell, Heather Mackintosh, Fiona Kerr, Laura Ridley, Kirsty Clark, Kim Bell, Linda Neilson, Danielle Scott, Aileen Sibbald, Leigh Weatherston,

Office Bearers 2020/2021

Chairperson – Sarah Bradley

Vice Chairperson – Lindsay Wingate

Treasurer – Debbie Welsford

Secretary – Donna Waddell

AOB

All meetings will be held via an online platform at 19.30 on the following dates :

8th October 2021

12th November 2021

14th January 2021

04th March 2021

22nd April 2021

27th May 2021