

# Woodlands Parent Council

## 18th January 2017

### AGENDA

- Present
- Apologies
- Approval of minutes
- Chairpersons Report
- HT Update
- Valentine Disco
- Family Fun Day
- Information for school blog
- Gift's for new P1's
- A.O.C.B.



Kirsty emphasised the importance of when parent council members are communicating by email, everyone and also Nicola must be included as everyone needs to be kept in the loop of all information.

## FINANCE

Angela McLaren explained the new bank account is in hand, takes 4-6 weeks to change over to new signatories. August 15 to June 16 budget is slightly out this year due to handover of accounts.

At present the total amount of money in the Parent Council Fund is **£427.95**

Angela asked if she could have a copy of the invoice for Awards for All to have as a receipt for cheque given to school.

It was discussed that any future events/discos run by parent council, monies will be collected and banked by the parent council and not the school. Hina/Angela will provide a tin which will include a float.

It was agreed that there would be 4 members of the parent council as signatories:-

- Kirsty Murray
- Angela McLaren
- Hina Bacai
- Samantha McLaren

There must always be two signatories to sign cheques etc.

## HT UPDATE

All new staff have settled well and as usual it's a busy time.

Nicola is looking at updating the school policies. It is hoped to get the pupils involved and make them single page documents and be more user friendly than what the current ones are. Will begin with the main 4:-

- Assessment
- Classroom Environment
- Learning & Teaching
- Learning Walls.

Nicola said that at parent's night there had been an opportunity for parents to write a comment about Woodlands. One of the things that keeps coming up is the school toilets. Nicola explained that this has been reported to the Clerk of Works on several occasions but unfortunately at present upgrading the school toilets it is not something that is seen to be deemed necessary by that department.

Auditions for Christmas show have begun, this year's show is called '*Lights, Camel, Action!*'

School Choir will be going to Princes Square again this year on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, singing from 4-5pm. They will be helping collect monies for the charity Quarriers.

It is hoped if transport can be arranged that the choir can also sing in the nursing home in Cumbernauld Village.

Woodlands Tots is up and running and going really well. Nicola is planning to use the room for some children in nursery and school who would greatly benefit from it. There has been no cost to the school in setting up Woodlands Tots and feedback so far has been brilliant.

Elaine asked about ECO Committee/Pupil Action Group? Nicola explained that these had only just got up and running in the last 2 weeks. Will be looking for involvement from parents in the near future, Nicola asked if anyone was interested to email her.

Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 12noon. Nicola said that as this event is mainly run by school staff it will now be run as a school event with the support of the parent council. Teachers/classes will be making stuff for stalls. Looking for volunteers to help (anyone who can help to email Nicola).

Hina asked if parent council were still providing selection boxes for Santa, Nicola said it would be greatly appreciated if they could. Kirsty said she will check prices and discuss as a group whether it is affordable.

Hina asked if the parent council could have a table at the Christmas Fayre to let parents know who the parent council are. Discussion took place and was decided it wasn't necessary at such an event. Everyone available on the day will be helping out or running own stalls. Nicola suggested Kirsty could do a Parent Council Chairperson's letter informing parents of the new parent council members. Kirsty agreed this was a good idea and will draw up a letter.

Nicola reminded parent council they can put things onto the school blog and have a page of their own where they can share information with the school parent forum. They can email information to the school and it will be uploaded. Will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Nicola also reminded parent council, if they wish, they are welcome to hold their own event/s.

Hina suggested at the end of each school year, the parent council could make a bigger thing with regards to how much money they have donated to the school for that year, perhaps by presenting the school with a 'large cheque'.

Nicola is hoping the cost of the LET for parent council meetings may be a bit cheaper as she has asked for one room only, she will let the parent council know the cost asap.

## **EVENTS**

As the Family Fun Day was successful last year, discussion took place whether to hold a Spring Fayre?

All agreed this would be a good event for the parent council to run. Nicola said the teachers/staff would most certainly come along to support it but would not be involved in running it. Kirsty emphasised the importance of the parent council members committing to helping at such an event. Hina asked if the fayre could run at a different time than normal as some parents might already have commitments on a Saturday morning and may miss out again. It was decided the Spring Fayre would be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 1-3pm. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

Hina will look into applying for a grant which may help support the cost of running this event.

## **A.O.C.B.**

Elaine asked about parents driving into the school grounds! Nicola explained that she is continually reminding parents about not using the school car park to drop off/pick up their children. Nicola suggested a letter coming from the parent council may be helpful.

Elaine also asked about parents/carers smoking e-cigarettes in the school grounds and could a polite notice go out? Nicola said she will add this to the next newsletter.

Kirsty informed the group that there is a 'new dad's hub' at Cornerstone, a place for single dads to get parenting support. Kirsty will get more information about this.

Hina mentioned that there was an email sent out from the authority about parent council training, Kirsty will forward information to members.

Angela would like to discuss the parent council giving the new primary 1 pupils a gift for starting school, she would like this to go on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kirsty thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.30pm – this is to coincide with Councillor Goldie's meetings already being held in school.**