

Grandtully Primary School Parent Council
AGM
17th November 2021

Attending

Robin, Claire, Ross, carol, Matthew, Jade, Rich, Jo, Marion, Anna, Ciara, Isabel, Gillian, Miranda, Vicky P , Lio, Vicky R, Jade, Marcus, Suzanne, Rachel, Nicole.

Apologies

Donna, Hayley, Jodie, Smita, Chris

1. Chair's Update

Welcome to new parents

School role now at 32.

Seems we have successfully secured a sustainable future for the school

This year's focus is on fundraising and outdoor learning.

And the Yurt Project.

Reflection on first part of the year – amazing term, huge thanks to staff and recognition for the very inspiring Little AMAL project.

Thanks to Matthew for securing funding from individuals, Miranda and Lio for their thrift shop success

2. Treasurer Update

Balance is at a healthy 7K

Including £2293 protected Yurt donations

We aim to have a rolling £2K available each year to cover tuck, transport and school equipment

Tuck is provided by Handam

Need to raise a further £10K in total (at least another 5K before we can commit to Yurt).

Last year's spend

New shed £4,000

Gazebo £1,200

Dehumidifier £200

3. Head Teacher Update

School priorities

1. Spelling and writing
2. Curriculum rationale including outdoor play (Gillian) and learner attributes (Jodie)
Parents' input very important
3. Becoming a rights respecting school
UN convention is now part of Scottish law. Focus on this on the back of the amal project. Ensuring all learners are involved.

Also working on Digital Schools Award.

The School's Improvement Plan is available in school.

Safer Schools App will launch next year and is free to pupils and parents with lots of info on gaming and online trends.

Skiing – waiting on a response but likely to go ahead 2-3 days not residential. Will be for P6 and 7 (as 7 missed out last year in lockdown).

4. General business / appointments

Anna (chair), Rachel (secretary) and Matthew (Treasurer) all re- elected as unopposed – Robin confirmed.

5. Update from Gillian and Ciara

CG - AMAL was a career high - a project with such deep learning and an overwhelming , super outcome along with the work with the National Theatre and Kite Build Puppets. It has been a spring board for professional and pupil thinking. A term souvenir is in progress which will be a collection of poems, recipes and songs and a symbol of the many achievements of the project.

Then from COP to Christmas!

Plans shared for a pop up Christmas shop in the super shed – probably w/c 6th December. Funds raised will be spilt between a charity and up keep of the wildlife garden.

Building on puppet show trial there will also be a live event /outdoor experience – provisional date 16th December for a short, straight after school Christmas performance of nativity and stories.

Winter Plan now in circulation. 31 children is the biggest the school has been in recent history. Important to be creative with all spaces and a real mixture of indoor and outdoor learning. Inside there is a CO2 monitor to ensure adequate ventilation.

GG – New canopy over the mud kitchen, lots of water play and learning, extra hooks in the old shed to alleviate pressure on cloakroom. Child led structure and lots of fluidity between indoor and outdoor spaces.

He box of Winter weather spares and wellies donated from the Thrift Shop.

Questions

Anna – can we abandon uniform for Winter?

Fleeces please but layers very important and uniform requirements therefore remain relaxed.

6. Yurt

Move existing £5K reserves to project – no objections raised

Questions

Lio – is it adequately ventilated

Yes, adaptable, outdoor, safe space

Large Scale fundraising ideas

Funds applied for

Griffin (pending)

National Lottery (declined)

Death Trust (pending)

Enchanted Forest (if it reopens Dec 2021)

ACTIONS

Ross to take forward sponsored whole school challenge

Carol and Vicky R to look at other funding/trusts that could be suitable

7. AOB

School photos

ACTION

- Isabel to look into this – probably summer term

Pub Quiz

- Rachel will design and circulate poster
- Raffle prizes to Anna or Marion

Eco Project

With Beyond Adventure and Keep Scotland Beautiful

ACTIONS

Ross to circulate info and follow up with teachers

Tuck

Winter menu now in place

Matthew supporting teachers to direct tuck and control portions

Value in inclusive, free tuck for all recognised.

If anyone has old sheepskin coats, please pass to Claire for making welly liners!

Thanks to all attending.

Next meeting

Start of January – date to follow.