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**MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2018**

**PRESENT**

Vikki Aitkenhead, Mhairi Cochrane, Heather Graham Stewart, Sarah Smith, Nicola Hardie, Lindsay Hosie, Jennifer Gibney, Rebecca Bulmer, Catherine Scott

**APOLOGIES**

Jacqui Ferguson, Joanne McDowell, Jill Reid, Jen McKeeman, Emma Mavers, Nicola Mcdermid, Gill Gooding, Lynda Kellett, Gina Watt, Julie McAuley

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Approved and seconded** (Vikki Aitkenhead/Sarah Smith)

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Vikki/Lindsay working in grant applications, see later section

Trim Trail – Liaising with Mrs Mavers. Been quoted £1110 to have it fixed/made safe. £500 of which to be donated by PC. Timescale for repairs has not yet been determined.

Local area community grant (£7K) is being used to placed order with Sovereign for outdoor equipment/buddy bench. Sovereign to visit on 1 Nov. Nicola McD to attend this meeting. School has placed the order and we will provide the donation – school does not need to pay VAT on order.

Tesco grant for £2K - 4 games benches at front entrance, each bench £307 + VAT, wet pour £2K. Vikki asked the PC whether they would agree to giving a donation to help with the installation costs. Vikki stated this was likely to be £2k. Vote was taken and all those in attendance agreed to donation up to £2k for the games bench installation.

Gill Gooding – Repairs on playhouse. Phase 1 complete – new felt and strengthening on roof. Phase 2 is on going – chalkboard area, Perspex on windows and tyres. Did anyone take before and after pictures? Could we install more signs to advise of security cameras/fake cameras to be installed? Jennifer Gibney to follow up. Gill suggesting request people donate used/old wellies which can be used as planters. Would Dobbies donate plants/bulbs for these? Gardening club and Mrs Sinclair's gardening group are likely to be able to offer help.

Collection of sun tokens underway. Early days but return has not been great so far and we need to collect 3,500 tokens to redeem books. This initiative may not be worth the effort in the future, but good to try.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nicola McD has distributed this month's balance sheet by email to the group.

Balance in account - £16136.18

Two incomings - Asda grant £200, Tempest commission £300

Expenditure - £32

Cheque to connect for £175 still to clear

Outgoings expected this month – disco supplies, Sovereign and Smartie tubes.

Incomings expected this month – Smarties returns and disco

Update on Smarties fundraiser. So much easier this year as have used SeeSaw to distribute the poem/message.

Expenditure - £110

Have received 48 which contained £190, so already in profit by £80. Still more to come/be counted.

### **SPORTS UPDATE**

Sports Award Scotland – school has been awarded gold level. Area co-ordinator visiting school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct to present certificate & flag.

P6 – have secured additional swimming lessons. These are to be at the end of the council block. Requesting each child to pay £2 to partial cover this. The balance to be paid from school funds and repaid through Burns Supper profits.

P5 – will attend the Big Hits event at Emirates Arena in November.

### **GRANTS**

Lindsay has done a lot of research into the grants which are available and compiled a spreadsheet of those which may be of most interest/most likely to be successful if applied for.

Copies were provided to this present. Some have been identified as possible funding for new smartboards and headphones. Lindsay will continue to work on the applications.

LTL Nature Grant must be applied for by someone who is employed by the school. Mrs Cochrane will follow up on this one.

### **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

New bullying policy to be compiled – Council is now requesting that this policy be written specifically for each school.

Have 6 months to complete.

New relationship policy – focusing on behaviour change. No more detentions, no more loss of Friday fun. Focus is to flip negatives to positives – children have to go “over and above” the Barsail Standard. Have started a meet & greet between teacher and their pupils each morning. Positive response to this. Restorative meetings are held with pupils if there has been an issue. Teachers and support staff have/or are in process of completing their training.

### **PC LIAISON**

Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Minutes have been circulated. Brian Donnelly had spoken about the anti-bullying policy. Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November – Catherine Scott to attend on behalf of Barsail.

### **DONATION TO SCHOOL**

of £2k to install benches, as required once final figure has been confirmed. Vote agreed by all – Lindsay, Vikki, Sarah, Rebecca, Cathy, Heather, Nicola H

Kim Clark, Mrs Mavers, Nicola McD and Vikki still working to hopefully arrange free landscaping through Bridgewater Housing. This is turning out to be a long process.

### **FOCUS FOR FUNDRAISING**

School wish list was reviewed, and Christmas Fayre + Secret Room + £2K from existing funds should cover landscaping at front of school. Will review again at start of year, when weather begins to improve, and get updated quotes from landscapers.

PC should arrange a large fundraising event Feb/Mar for new smartboards if grant applications have been unsuccessful. Suggestions for possible sponsored event – sponsored walk, danceathon, colour run, Easter egg hunt, family social night, sponsorship on football strips, psychic night? Volunteers will be needed to plan and arrange this event.

### **DISCO**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Jacqui is willing to organise and will ask for help is required. Colin will DJ. Need PC volunteers for this to be a safe/manageable event. Exit doors must be manned by PC members. Announce the entry/exit policy on SeeSaw and put signs on the door. Julie McCauley will upgrade the tickets for the discos and the raffles, increase price to £2 per ticket. No squirty bottles of water/juice.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE/CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Fayre - 6<sup>th</sup> December. Secret Room shopping is mostly complete. Wrapping still needs to be completed. Jill Reid to store wrapped items. Nicola McD has the items still to be wrapped.

Sub-committee met 2 weeks ago. Plans well underway. External stall holders have been approached (£20 per table & donation for raffle prize)- Jill Reid co-ordinating this.

Raffle prizes are coming in.

Julie McCauley to make posters to advertise.

Mrs Gibney co-ordinating the class craft activities which are sold on the night.

Christmas Cards – templates to be returned by teachers Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Sarah to send them off on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. Takes 1 week to turn around and have templates/proofs back. Items should be ready for parent to order after October week holiday. This is much earlier than last year and will give people more time to order before xmas.

### **PC VOLUNTEERS**

Mrs Mavers has requested parent volunteers for afternoon of 21<sup>st</sup> November to help with tea and coffee at the “new P1” open afternoon – Lindsay, Nicola McD, Jacqui and Heather.

### **AOCB**

Agreed we should request a second cashpoint/debit card for the bank account. Nicola McD to arrange this.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm (please not it's a Tuesday due to Bonfire Night on the Monday).