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**MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT**

Vikki Aitkenhead, Sarah Smith, Nicola Hardie, Lindsay Hosie, Rebecca Bulmer, Catherine Scott, Nicola Mcdermid, Lynda Kellett, Gill Gooding, Emma Mavers, Gina Watt, Debra Neville, Jill Reid

**APOLOGIES**

Claire Hardie, Vivienne Paterson, Lynn Bruce, Jacqui Ferguson, Jen McKeeman, Heather Stewart, Mairi Cochrane, Jennifer Gibney

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

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Vikki thanked everyone who helped at the disco.

It is a very big responsibility and one that the PC should be fully aware of for next discos.

Disco review – 55 P1-P3 tickets sold, 107 P4 – P7 tickets sold.

Floors drier but stage wet from use of water bottles.

Need access to first aid kit/icepacks – these to be sourced from staff prior to event.

Helpers need to arrive earlier.

Do we require first aider at future discos? Pupil with diabetes felt unwell.

Parents to complete form pre disco with medical info and contact details.

New tickets were very good, but need an area for parents to fill out emergency contact / medical details.

The one-way system worked well, and should be used at future discos.

Sun Vouchers (for books) - Required 3500 tokens to submit application, received well over 5000.

Surplus has been distributed to other local schools who are also collecting.

Huge number of tokens were obtained from two dads who work at airport and were able to collect vouchers from Sun newspapers left by passengers.

Acting Head Teacher Position – Maureen Sneddon (Education Manager at Renfrewshire Council) has asked Vikki to be involved in interview process. Mrs Mavers also on panel. Advert has closed and interview is 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nicola Mcd has distributed this month's balance sheet by email to the group.  
Balance in account - £18,058.52 (most of which has already been allocated).  
Outgoings expected this month– Christmas Fayre supplies, book donation, maths donation through Persimmon grant..  
Incomings expected this month – Christmas card commission

Nicola has forms to be completed to order additional debit card. Need to think about PIN number for the cards, something which all can remember but nothing too obvious.

Nicola H to contact community facilities to enquire about the process for issuing and paying let invoices.

### **SPORTS UPDATE**

Sports Champion group to be set up and led by Jennifer, Joanne McDowall, Tammy and Iain Shearer.

3 parent volunteers have put their names forward for cycling proficiency training. Have been told need minimum 5 for training to go ahead (will be a Monday end of Nov/beginning of Dec)  
Mrs Mavers will put out a request in the newsletter.

P5 – will attend the Big Hits event at Emirates Arena at end of month.

Athletics scheduled for P6 & P7.

### **GRANTS**

Received £1K from Persimmon which has been used to purchase maths supplies.  
Have submitted Flightpath application for £25K, but unsuccessful..  
Mrs Cochrane to complete grant application for books (needs to be done by member of staff)  
Submitted £4K grant application to cover library equipment.

### **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

Auditions for panto held 6<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Mavers has extended an invite out to PC members, parent helpers etc. to attend a special showing of the panto on the Tuesday. PC members to let front office know if you can attend.

Mrs Smithsimmons will be commencing adoption leave soon, no definitive date yet.

Skip has been delivered – this was required to remove the picnic benches at the rear of the school which were set on fire. Have completed a press release and a request sent to the Council to improve the CCTV in that area.

£1K Persimmon maths grant has been spent already.

Rebecca Bulmer's family have kindly donated £500 from the collection at her dad's funeral. Calum and Libby will choose some books with Mrs Cochrane.

Relationship policy –new blue print has been drafted, and Mrs Mavers discussed with the group how this will work and it will replace the former behaviour policy. To get to this stage has involved a working party, 3 questionnaires and conference attendance. Full policy will be added to website and an open afternoon for all parents planned in November. Summarised versions will be laminated for the classrooms.

This policy is all about reversing the way all staff deal with bad behaviour, and to concentrate on those who behave exceptionally well and remove focus from those who misbehave.

HEARTS is embedded in the new policy and the policy focuses on positive relationships. There are different ways in which children will be rewarded for excellent behaviours (such as hot chocolate with the Head Teacher).

#### **PICNIC BENCHES**

Visit from Sovereign last week. The area we had anticipated getting wet-poured is too big for 4 benches. Sovereign has suggested the required size/area (5m x 5m). Before the wet pour can be laid, the base layer of soil and slabs needs to also be prepped. Gardening club will remove the slabs to minimise costs. Sovereign will provide a price for this – Mrs Mavers to follow up with them on this.

#### **P7 LEAVERS' DANCE**

Lengthy discussion was had regarding the P7 leavers dance. The previous P7 leavers dance has been carefully evaluated and the format seems to work well. The event should not be unmanageable for parents. Lynda Kellett to co-ordinate and assign tasks nearer the time to PC members and volunteers. Lindsay to add message to closed Facebook group with this update.

#### **FACEBOOK ADMINS**

Current PC Facebook page admins are Jacqui Ferguson, Lesley Sharkey and Jill Clark – none of whom attend the PC meetings. Require some current PC members to also be set as admins – Lindsay, Sarah and Nicola Mcd have volunteered. They will revisit the page's rules and will carry out a housekeeping exercise to remove members who no longer have children at school.

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS/SECRET ROOM/CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Christmas card order – deadline for order form return is 7<sup>th</sup> November. Much smoother process than last year – due to starting earlier. Sarah to request help with the order / distribution if needed.

Secret Room – Small selection still to be wrapped. Presents will be available for sale week after Christmas Fayre. Set up for tables to be done Friday after fayre.

Christmas Fayre – Letter has been reviewed and reworded. Initial communication to parents regarding fayre will be by letter and then any follow up notifications will be done through SeeSaw.

12 external stalls have confirmed, these will be set up in the P7 base

Raffle prizes – high value items to be included in silent auction

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7pm