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BARSAIL PARENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2019

PRESENT

Vikki Aitkenhead, Lindsay Hosie, Catherine Scott, Gina Watt, Sarah Smith, Nicola Hardie, Nicola Mcdermid, Rebecca Bulmer, Lynda Kellett, Mairi Cochrane, Gill Gooding, Laura Bradley

APOLOGIES

Heather Stewart, Jill Reid

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Approved and seconded?

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

New Facebook rules have been added to PC page. Mrs McAtasney to upload to school website too.

Child protection/helper form to be uploaded to the PC page on the school website

Rebecca to talk at new P1 parent inductions this week. Vikki has had a flyer produced to hand out

£7,700 has been donated to the school this year

Thanks to all who have been involved over the course of the year, especially to Jacqui and Gina who will be greatly missed. Vikki will attend start of the leavers service for presentation

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Incomings £226 from school disco

Outgoings – £400 for speakers, P7 hoodies, school lets, CONNECT insurance, P6 bus, leavers dance

£7,700 donation allocated to various projects – library equipment & furniture, 2 smartboards, P3 books, gardening supplies for Mrs Sinclair’s quadrangle
Approx £3K balance in the bank

PC LIAISON MEETING

Home emergency prevented Catherine from attending final meeting of the year.

SPORTS UPDATE

Mrs Gibney planning Health Week and timetable to be distributed shortly
Sports Day has been reviewed and changed this year. Morning will be the activity stations and the afternoon will be the traditional races for parents to watch

GRANTS

A couple of our applications have been rejected due to the bank balance being too high. Waiting on feedback/response from Silverburn. Some applications don’t open again until after summer. Those which have been rejected this year will be reapplied for next year

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

Wishlists – playground equipment/playboxes for the various stages. There will be a dancethon during health week and some of the money will go toward that. Responsibility for this equipment will be with the children. There will be playbox supervisors to manage inventory.

Cashless system – Two reps from the project team were at the school last week. Feeling is that the teachers don’t have the required information, this has been raised across the entire authority. August 2019 the school will be officially cashless. All parents will be given activation codes to set up Parent Pay. Will be used for school meals, outings, fundraising etc. Is there an electronic pay in system to allow book club to continue? Can we contact other schools who already use this system and see how their PCs have worked with this?

Staffing – Mrs Clapperton (P3/2) off until 24th June. Ms Maughan here until then. Ms Bradley to follow up with Ms Maughan re SeeSaw updates, there has been nothing since 17th May.

Mrs Gibney’s replacement – there have been 10 strong applicants for this post. Proposed interview date 19th June. 5 candidates to be interviewed. Ms Bradley been liaising with Mrs Mavers on this but Mrs Mavers has chosen not to be on the panel. View to person being in post from August. Letter to be sent out on Wed.

P1 INDUCTIONS

Disappointed with miscommunications this year re buddy letter and induction days.
Miss Carrigan uploaded the incorrect date onto website for the picnic. Most important thing is to attend both the induction days as the two have different content.

Buddy letters were late going out this year. Would it be possible to advise all catchment parents of dates early on and then send out the same information to placement parents at a later date? Rather than waiting on a final list of placements.

ADDITIONAL INSERVICE DAYS

There are to be two additional inservice days next year. The suggested dates are Wed 12th Feb & Thurs 30th April.

PC to propose that 30th April moved to either October holidays or St Andrews Day. Vikki will send a response to the Council and liaise with Miss Bradley.

DISCO

Lessons learned – very hot, floor very sticky, children complaining music was too loud. Phones – children taking photos and then posting to social media

P6/new P1 concept was good

Alternatives to disco – PC to discuss next year

PC NEWSLETTER

Lesley Sharkey did the previous PC newsletter. This could be used as a template and distributed before the first meeting of the new term.

NEW COMMITTEE

Vikki will be stepping down as chair. Constitution says that we need at least 12 members, but this can be amended. Can have an acting chairperson if required, if no chairperson comes forward at AGM.

There should be a Parental Involvement Office at Renfrewshire Council if we need help getting new committee members.

School to help with drive to recruit new members, e.g. distributing flyers/newsletters, promoting PC at parent events etc.

Messages to be put on FB page and seesaw to promote AGM and work of PC this year. Ideally, the PC needs two representatives from each year group. Very little representation from the infant school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

No update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd September – AGM