



Parent Council Meeting 24/03/2022

Minutes

Present

Headteacher

Mrs MacKenzie

Committee members

Amanda Hynd

Claire Brown

Catherine Macklon

Parent Attendees

Emma Perrie

Hazel Munton

Headteacher's report

- Highlighted the support services available from Ren10. Ren10 offers different types of support to help improve you or your child's mental health & wellbeing. Further details have been shared on the school Twitter page and also on the Kilbarchan Primary Parents Hub on Facebook. The school would be interested to hear any feedback on this service.
- The school have been working on the P7's transition to high school and also the transition of nursery children to P1. It is hoped that we will be able to have more of a normal transition given that some Covid restrictions have now eased.
- It is hoped that during term 4 parents and carers will be invited to an open afternoon where they will be able to see their children's work and meet teachers face to face. Our teachers and staff have missed the interaction with parents/carers. At the moment we are looking at allowing 20-minute slots where each child can then be taken home at the end of the slot. Possibly running from between 2pm – 3pm. As always, the safety of all those wishing to attend will be taken into consideration when planning the open afternoon.
- We have been making use of the indoor/outdoor learning area for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) learning. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to purchase anything new for 'The Snug' area due to the end of the school financial year. Exciting things have been happening in 'The Snug' for quite some time, but nobody been able to gain entry. There will be an opportunity for children to win a Golden Ticket in each class. Children who have been nominated for demonstrating the school values (below) will be voted on and could win a chance to explore the new 'Snug' area! You don't need to be the best you just need to have tried your best! We are KIND, We are Welcoming, We are Supportive and We are Determined

- The school is given roughly £30K each year from the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). At the moment we have allocated most of this money on staffing costs and have been able to take on an Early Years Classroom Assistant, Mrs Brady who has been doing an amazing job.
- P7 celebrations have still to be formally planned out although the P7s have agreed that they do not want to have a formal prom. P7s have been looking at possibly having a BBQ or going to the beach. Mrs Mackenzie confirmed that the leaver hoodies have been ordered and we are just awaiting delivery.

Chairperson's update

Big Spring Clean

The Big Spring Clean is back! Thousands of dedicated volunteers are set to head out on litter picks during April as they support Renfrewshire's annual Big Spring Clean, part of Team Up to Clean Up's campaign. Kilbarchan Primary have planned litter picks on the 22nd and 25th April and would be grateful for volunteers to help take children to the various litter picking locations throughout the village. Some of our children will do litter picks within the school grounds.

Helping Families

Parent Council are looking for suggestions re ways that we can support you and your children. We are aware that with the cost of living increasing, some of our families may be feeling under more pressure financially.

Hazel Munton highlighted that Kilbarchan Clothing Crew Reuse rail is available to all parents and has various items and sizes available free of charge. The Clothing Crew are always happy to take donations and will also take items which can be used as spares. Spares are useful for when a child gets into a mess at school for whatever reason. The Clothing Crew use their Facebook page and the Kilbarchan Primary Parents hub to let parents know when they will be available at the school. Orders can be taken in advance and requests are dealt with on a confidential basis. If you do not use Facebook, please contact the school office if you are interested in making use of this service or even making a clothing donation.

If anyone has any suggestions re how Parent Council can better support families please get in touch.

Kilbarchan.ParentCouncil@yahoo.com or via the Kilbarchan Primary Parents Hub on Facebook

Lilias Day

Parent Council will book a stall in the park and will put an appeal out for volunteers to help with running the stall and for tombola donations nearer the time.

Fundraising

It was agreed that we would postpone plans to host a Race Night. It was felt that given the current economic climate parents/carers may not be able to fully support a race night. Many thanks to Pamela Yule for looking into costs etc.

Parent Council have been selling football scratch cards and have raised £40 so far. Some parents have already requested a card to sell on behalf of parent council. If anyone else would like a card please either request one by contacting the school office or by sending Amanda Hynd a message via messenger. We will then arrange for a card to be sent home with your child.

Amanda Hynd mentioned that we have raised £260 via the fundraising page on Facebook and will transfer the money to the school. Fiona plans to put the money towards buying more books for the Book Box to support the Accelerated Reading Programme.

Emma Perrie mentioned a fundraising scheme for schools where the school can receive a benefit each time a parent places an order for name tags using **MyNameTags.com**. Emma has used this company before and has always been pleased with the quality of the labels.

Parent Council have now signed the school up to this fundraising scheme.

Our school ID is: 25735 (please do not use the school name when checking out an order as we will not receive any benefit. Only the ID will link the school to each order)

The school will receive 24% from the total value of every order and will receive a cheque with all of the money raised from orders during January of each year.

Claire Brown mentioned that she has used a pen to write on her child's belongings so both options are available to parents and both options will help get children's clothes and belongings returned and help reduce the volume of items stored in lost property.

Claire Brown mentioned that there seemed to be an increase in changes to the school meals and these changes were sometimes at very short notice. Mrs Mackenzie confirmed that the school is not given advance warning of these changes and that she has raised her concerns to the catering team.

Claire Brown highlighted how helpful the recent parent/carer focus group was for parents who have a child with additional support needs. It is hoped that more of these meetings will take place in future.

Amanda Hynd mentioned that Parent Council will be looking to organise a Scholastic Book fair. The book fair is a great way for the school to build up rewards which can then be used to obtain books for free. More information will follow shortly.

Date for next meeting 12th May 2022 Time 7pm – 8pm

**** Please contact the school office if you would like the link to join our meeting via Teams****

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