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Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

Tue 5th September 2023 7pm Renfrew High School

PRESENT:

Saima Saeed		Chair
Hannah Halsall		Secretary
Gemma Fleming		Treasurer

Carolyn Crawford (HT)	David Bonnar (Deputy HT)
Jennifer Docherty	Rama Bochi
Amy Valentine	Laura McColl
Kirsty	

1 **Welcome and attendees**

As noted

2 **Apologies**

Received from Kirsty McNish

3 **Headteacher Report**

Attached

4 **Treasurer Report**

Attached

5. **Funding and Fundraising**

Groundworks is running a blue token fundraising at Tesco and Parent Council has applied for consideration. Saima has consulted Mrs Kajla who has plans for developing the courtyard into a zen garden. The proposal has been put to in for the funding. If accepted could get either £500, £1000 or £1500 towards the basics for the project to get it started with it being an ongoing development involving the children going forward. If selected the blue tokens will run from October to December.

6. A.O.B

School meals – School and dining staff have voiced concerns regarding the new award winning menu. Dining staff have been doing their best to ensure there are alternative options available for the children who do not like the meals.

- School staff will remind children of the soup option and emphasis particularly to the younger children that it is there and they can still have a main course. Also will remind P1 children that they do not have to rush out if they have not finished their lunch.
- Saima to talk to other Parent Councils and see what the uptake has been like in the other Renfrew schools regarding the lunch menu.
- PC to ask in whatsapp groups about the lunches and gauge parent feelings towards the menu.

Back to school rave – ran out of tuck. Takings were £716 after replenishing stock. PC thanks everyone who helped make the disco a success.

Halloween disco – date will be Thursday 26th October. Let to be confirmed by Saima. Potential to start second disco earlier and have a shorter turn around between the discos as 9.15 can be quite dark in October and can be quite late for some children.

Christmas Fayre – setting up a committee to help run it as looking for people with lots of different skills and contacts. Other schools are aware of the date and there shouldn't be any clashes except possibly with the Cherrie Centre, as happened last year

School have a Santa contact which Miss Crawford could arrange.

Date for the Prom/Arklebury – 20th June – School to ask children which they would prefer.

As mentioned at the end of last term the school will organise an information session about the importance of sexual education giving parents an insight into its importance and why it is taught the way it is. Teachers had an update on it in august and it highlighted the importance of it.

School is still looking for any parents/carers who are willing to be PVG checked (possibly at their own expense), in order to help out at events.

Parents/grandparents/carers who aren't PVG checked can still help and the school is very grateful for all the help they give to allow the children to go on outings.

There has been challenges with Ardentiny this year and the school are looking at changing the set up going forward with potentially a cut off for children changing their minds about going and getting their money back.

Hybrid meet the teacher sessions will be available with the school sending out links to parents before the meetings.

New education manager in place who will be a good support to the school.

Full cohort of support staff this year with a turnover from last years staff. This turnover is not anticipated to be the case going forward.

P1 have settled in well and P7 have taken to their roles as buddies. It has been a smooth start to the school year.