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## Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7pm Renfrew High School

### PRESENT:

Saima Saeed		Chair
Hannah Halsall		Secretary
Gemma Fleming		Treasurer

Amy Valentine	Rama Bocci
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#### 1 Welcome and attendees

As noted

#### 2 Apologies

Received from Kirsty McNish, Jennifer Dubreck, Laura Mccoll, Carolyn Crawford and David Bonnar

#### 3 Treasurer Report

Attached

#### 4. Funding and Fundraising

The Parent Council has raised a lot of money and have been in touch with the school to see how it can be used to best benefit the children.

There is a focus on upgrading the class libraries which the Parent Council will contribute £1800 towards. The focus will be on developing the structures of each class library in consultation with the children to help make reading a main focus. Miss Clark has been in touch with the Parent Council about this and will put in writing the ideas and what the money will be spent on.

Tesco tokens – the application was submitted and further health and safety information was covered with it being signed off by Miss Crawford to fundraise for the courtyard to be developed into a Zen garden. However it didn't make the October to December round of token fundraising. There is potential that it will be taken up in January. Saima will

chase this up for an update.

## 5. Halloween Disco

The disco was a success and the Parent Council would like to thank everyone who volunteered on the day and behind the scenes. It was quieter than usual but could have been due to the timing as it was before Halloween rather than after due to the lets at the school. The timings worked well with the 15 minute gap between the discos rather than 30 mins meaning everyone got home earlier and the parents with children at both discos weren't hanging around as long in between. This will be reviewed after each disco going forward.

Concerns were raised regarding the tuck and the high consumption of sweets some children have. Potentially there could be pre made bags of certain values eg 50p bags which could limit the amount of sugar the children are consuming before bed. Saima will ask the other local parent councils how they manage the tuck shop and also will put it to a vote on the parent forum to see if there is concern regarding this.

## **6. Head Teachers Report**

As attached.

- Saima will ask Miss Crawford about the school photos and when these are taking place.
- The school have advised that they have guidance on how to address any questions the children have regarding the current ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine and that this will be from a neutral and factual standpoint rather than personal or political. The school are a multi faith school with children who may have been impacted more directly by the conflict and so have advised the parent council that they will be mindful of this.
- It has been suggested that there could be scope for the children to learn about whats left behind following a conflict through putting on a play – this will be raised with Miss Crawford.

## **7. Christmas Fayre**

- Face painter – The Parent Council will pay a flat fee to a face painter to cover the 2 hours of the fayre and the children will be able to get their faces painted for free. There will be a donations box but the idea is to give something to the children.
- The Parent Council have been approached by The Starlight Darkness company and offered a Christmas entertainer dressed as a princess at no cost.
- Miss Crawford will find out if the Santa previously used is able to attend if not have the number for the people who came last year as the Claus family.
- Selection boxes will be the gifts given by Santa as this covers halal and vegetarian as well as being provided at a good price by Tesco and reducing potential waste that other gifts such as books might leave.
- New inflatables have been ordered to decorate the hall. These will be added to the decorations already in the cupboard leaving only tinsel to get nearer the time.
- The tuck already in the cupboard will be used to make sweet cones/bags to sell at the fayre as the tuck shop wasn't very busy last year. This will minimise outgoings, use up stock and hopefully maximise returns with Parent Council only needing to buy a few things such as the cones and potentially something festive for these.

- Suggestion for a craft desk to replace paint a plate – giving children the choice of plates, baubles and something else to decorate and take home.
- The WhatsApp groups will be asked about who can volunteer on the day which will give an idea of numbers and allow decisions to be made regarding games and other stalls. The Christmas planning group will also be asked if any parents have ideas for printing companies or can source 600 c5 envelopes as well as any other decisions that need to be made for the fayre.

Raffle tickets didn't work well last year so looking for a different way to do it this year. Could get 3000 raffle tickets printed for £176. These could be printed with generic Christmas fayre details on them to allow any not sold to be used next year. It would help avoid problems like conflicts with the tickets required for the tombola and allow for selling tickets before the day without the risk of not having the right information on the ticket if it is drawn.

The Raffle is filling up and thanks to everyone who has worked hard to get prizes so far.

The stalls are nearly full with 9 confirmed stall holders with 1 more to pay.

There will be a Christmas Fayre meeting on the w/c 20<sup>th</sup> of November but hopefully most decisions will have been made by then.