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Minutes of Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7pm - Renfrew High

**PRESENT:**

Hannah Halsall	Chair
Jennifer Dumbreck & Charlene Scott	Secretary
Gemma Fleming	Treasurer
Sarah Lynch & Sandra Miller	Event Coordinators
Carolyn Crawford	Head Teacher
David Bonnar	Depute Head Teacher

Rama Bocchi	Saima Saeed
Suzanne Kerr	Margaret Macphee-David
Amy Valentine	Cheryl Smith

**1 Welcome and attendees**

As noted

**2 Apologies**

Received from Kirsty Ann Daly, Barbara McMeekin and Natasha

**3 Treasurer Report**

Attached

**4. Head Teachers Report**

As attached.

- Welcome to the new P1's, all settling in well.
- P1's Loved the pencils cases from the PC
- Received UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting award for 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, now only school in Renfrewshire to get to this level.
- Meet the teacher slots are announced and being prepared for parents to come in a have a look at the work each base will be working on for the next term.

- Due to the rising costs of the P7 Ardentenny trip, a questionnaire will go out to the current P6 to see if they would like to continue with this kind of trip or have different suggestions.
- Suggestion given to include the P6 in the fundraising for their future trip by arranging Christmas hampers which each of the bases to raffle at the Christmas fayre.
- PC to provide hampers and materials, P6 to set themes and ensure goodies are donated to fill them.

#### **4. Events**

- Sarah and Sandra looking at ideas for fundraising out with the school, perhaps more adult based evenings to allow opportunities for other parents to get to know one and other, such as race nights, physic nights (likely this will be planned for after the Christmas holidays)
- A post to be put on Social Media to get a feel from parents if they would like this kind of event.
- For fundraising money have a goal of what we would like to raise money for.  
Mr Bonnar and Mrs Crawford made suggestions for replenishing IT stock and for a School Trip Pot. This is to help the rising costs of hiring a coach for travel.
- Confirmed Dates already booked in with the School for this Academic year are:  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Slot  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre (6pm-8pm) – (a separate committee to be organised by the PC for this event)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – current idea to do a Arky's got talent event  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Mrs McMannus has offered her support to any fundraising activities
- Update current Disco letter to include no use of mobile phones during the disco.
- Signs to be made for parents at the door about following a 1 way system for collection after disco.
- DJ to be informed to announce collection of coats to be made before end of disco.
- Survey to go out to older classes (p5 and up) about other events rather than a disco? Letter to be sent out for the child to complete.

## **5 . Matters Arising**

- Flooding at the school gates at Tesco carpark. Mrs Crawford advised that a complaint has been made to the council about the ongoing issue.
- Rama had volunteered to write a letter on behalf of the parent council to escalate this issue further.
- Asda's new Point if you shop campaign has launched for additional funding for primary schools if you shop there.  
There will be an initial £50 donated for registering your school and then Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop plus an additional £1 for everyone who opts-in  
A communication to be sent out the indivual what's app group to let everyone know.
- Leavers Hoodies, questioning on when they can be given out – currently issued in March.  
PC in agreement that this is early enough and don't see a need to bring it forward.

## **6. Any other Business**

- A reminder from Mrs Crawford about reminding parents that Arkleston is a place a work for the staff of the school. Parents should be mindful about their behaviour in the playground as well as respecting the parking policy and making use of the ample parking spots in Tesco Carpark.
- Book Library, suggestion of a spot for parents to donate used books. PC to create stickers to go inside books so the children can see who else has read the book before them. This could be an idea to start at world book day.
- PTA Welcome desk has been suggested to have in the school for the 1<sup>st</sup> day P1 parents – allowing them to ask questions and promote joining future PTA's  
Another suggestion to have the same at sports day, handing out drinks.