

Barsail Primary Parent Council
Meeting 7 October 2024
Minutes

Attendees : Karen Gray, Judith Macmillan, Nicola Brogan, Jill Clark, Alison Barlea, Emma Mavers. Mairi Cochrane, Evelyn Mckee and Oviduiu Barlea

Apologies : Kimberly Ellis, Andrew Ellis, William Dick, Ceiridh MacAtasney and Alison Baird.

Welcome

Ovi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous minutes were proposed as accurate by Nicola and seconded by Karen.

Chairperson's Report

Ovi shared his short report as it hasn't been long since our last meeting. He indicated his readiness to discuss the Barsail wish list so it could be prioritised appropriately and the PC could time line payments through out the year.

Ovi stated that once Karen is added to the bank account the PC will have 4 members signed to it. And started the process with Karen to get her added as Vice Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Judith indicated that there was not much to report on this month. Key area was the bonus ball which we received £620 payments in and £320 payments out as winnings.

The PC Account currently has £5296.11 in funds.

Judith explained how the bonus ball worked for Karen's and other new members benefit.

Ovi spoke with the bank regarding mail that came in from the account FAO Nicola Brogan and it has been noted at the bank that we did not request this.

Head Teacher's Report

Emma Mavers started off her report saying how much she appreciates the parent council support and our transparency.

Barsail are encouraging all parents/carers to sign up to Parent Portal which will be the main way to book scheduled parents evening slots.

Anyone who hasn't signed up will be able to book a slot once all parent portal users have been allocated.

All other schools within the area including High Schools are using this now and it links accounts seesaw/parent pay/ tracking reports/ young scot all in one place.

Emma has a scheduled date of the 4th November for her operation, she has been advised that she will be looking at a 4-6 month recovery. Fortunately this is scheduled so she has been able to plan a detailed handover with the staff members and meaning this will have minimal impact on the day to day running of the school.

Book Week Scotland – Emma has advised that Barsail will have a book wish list on Amazon so people can donate if they wish during this event.

Barsail are also going to do a book quiz at assembly and it would be good to have and parent team taking part too.

Events

Autumn Disco.

Parent Council are running a colouring in competition for Primary 1-3, and a pumpkin carving competition for Primary 4-7 in tandem with the disco.

It will be £1 to enter and this means those who maybe do not enjoy the disco can also take part in our Autumn event.

Prizes have been purchased for the p1-3 age groups. 4-7 will be gift vouchers and dependant on entries.

All entries for colouring in comp need to be submitted to class teacher with entry fee on 22nd and 23rd of October to allow parent council to collect.

All pumpkins must be submitted on Thursday 24th with names on bottom and a battery candle where possible. These will be used to create a walkway at the entrance to the disco.

Dilluting juice – Jill

Crisps – Jucith

Sweets already bought.

Jill and Alison are meeting with Ceiridh on Thursday afternoon so microsoft forms for parent helpers can be issued.

Little Christmas Shop

Judith and Nicola will agree a date to shop for this 3 day event which will run after the Christmas Fayre.

Nicola has asked that we all spread the word that we will be looking for help wrapping the Christmas shop gifts.

Christmas Fayre

Let is already in for the Christmas Fayre. It was agreed that we would not use infant end of the school as previous year.

Erskine Arts Choir to be invited to sing again.

Microsoft forms required for stall holders.

Make the week of the fayre a festive week own clothes on the Tue/wed for tombola and chocolate donations and the day of the fayre any home baking would be appreciated for our tea coffee

stall for a donation.

All children will be invited to wear Christmas jumpers to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Social Media

Emma indicated that she felt it was important that people remove themselves from pages rather than being removed. Some parents still wish to support the school even when their child has moved on. And the Parent Council agreed this.

Litter

Karen was approached by a member of the public regarding litter in the surrounding area to the school. Emma acknowledged that litter can be a problem and that they do clean ups but more within the school.

Karen has agreed to facilitate a community litter pick with Barsail for 11th November. She will contact Team up to clean up to furnish the litter pick with the appropriate equipment.

School Buses payment

A Pole to be created regarding payments for buses there has been a comment about the parent council paying for these and money could be spent elsewhere. PC to pole parent body and give an idea of actual costs involved.

AOB

Alison to look at Virgin Money as they do free ipads sometimes through virgin money acc for schools.

Alison to look at eco grant which may help to pay big ticket item of outdoor canopy.

Next Meeting 4th November