

Bushes Primary Parent Council

Minutes of AGM Meeting 31st August 2021

Attendees:

Craig McCrorie	Nicola West	Antje Urquhart	
Alison Warnock	Clair Watson		
Donna McConnell	Alison Simpson		
Lynn Paterson	Kathryn McGowan		

Agenda:

- * Election of named members
- * Accounts update
- * Sanctuary Donation
- * Playground update progress

AOB

Election of named roles

- Nicola and Clair are both stepping down after two years in post as Chair and Secretary.
- We want to thank them both for their hard work over the last few years, they have both done a great job in what has been very difficult circumstances.
- The positions can only be filled by members of the Parent Council.
- No current members are looking to take on the roles on a permanent basis.
- A drive is needed to encourage new members to join from the Parent Forum so formal election will be delayed until this can be done.
- Antje agreed to take Chair and Kathryn agreed to take Secretary in the interim.
- Consideration to be given to the Constitution around AGM's, to remove any ambiguity in the scope of attendance to include Parent Forum members as well as Parent Council members.

Accounts update

- Parent Council account balance is £10,530.68
- Fund raising over the school term 2020 - 21 raised over £2,000 primarily from remote raffles.
- Outgoings were reduced due to the lockdowns impacting on school events and trips.
- Estimating outgoings for the 2021 – 22, assuming that school events are able to go ahead, includes £1,000 for ongoing maintenance of the Trim Trail.
- The unassigned cash balance is expected to be £5,780.68 available to spend

Sanctuary Donation

- Sanctuary awarded £10,000 towards improving the climbing frame area in the playground., expected to be in the account this month.
- Expectation is that the money is to be spent soon.
- Sanctuary will attend the school to present a cheque, in a photo opportunity with some children.
- Due to the timeframe, Craig will issue permission slip to PC members for our children to be involved in the picture.
- Alison to attend and represent the Parent Council.

Playframe update

- Craig to share email with details of a proposal from Scotplay
- Proposal includes removing the current playframe and installing a smaller one, wooden frame with metal legs, which doesn't need to go as far back into the hill therefore less open to risk of water damage.
- Parent Council to consider this at upcoming internal call, along with previous quotes to agree two options to take forward to parent Forum to vote.
- Details to be included in the notice for new members, to encourage people to get involved and to encourage support and involvement from the community
- PC to consider how to do this survey – e.g. Survey monkey

AOB:

1. Residential Trip
 - Lynn Paterson confirmed that take up on the two residential trips (P6 and P7) is very strong.
 - School are planning two trips in this school year, and the PC will hopefully be able to contribute towards the cost of transport which will be £700 per bus
2. Shade in playground
 - Parent has highlighted concerns around children in P1-3 playground having access to shade on sunny days as children have been told they cannot play on the grass area under the trees.
 - Craig has responded directly with a parent who raised this with him, that the grass had been wet after recent rain and the children were found to be playing rough on the grass so were told not to play in that area. Mr Bannerman had put a sail up in the P1 area for children to shelter under, and children are being encouraged if they are too hot to seek shelter there or to move around to the front of the building and the shaded areas there.
3. Football in playground
 - Children are keen to know when they will be allowed to play football in the playground again.
 - Craig advised that he plans to reintroduce it, but need to consider how best to do this as there are staffing implications and also the impact on space available for other children in the playground to consider.

ACTIONS:

1. Antje - propose dates / times for an Internal Parent Council meeting to be scheduled in 2 weeks time.
2. Kathryn - begin work on a new member leaflet for the Parent Council to review at Internal meeting ahead of sharing with the wider Parent Forum.
3. All – Constitution wording to be reviewed to make clear that AGM is open to all members, both Forum and Parent Council members.
4. Craig – Share permission slips for children of Parent Council to be involved in the photo opportunity with Sanctuary Homes.
5. Craig – Share email with details of the recent quote to replace the playframe.
6. All – Consider opinions for play frame, ahead of discussions at the Internal meeting.

Next Meeting Dates:

Parent Council Internal – TBC

Parent Council – Tue 5th October