

Bushes Primary Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 5th October 2021

Attendees:

Craig McCrorie	Clair Watson		
Lynn Paterson	Alison Simpson		
Antje Urquhart	Kathryn McGowan		
Nicola West	Andrew Bain		

Agenda:

- * Playground update progress
- * School reports / parents night
- * Constitution discussions
- * Raffle / Fundraising for Halloween

Playground update

- Two requotes were requested. One quote is in but still waiting on Scotplay to get back to Craig before we review them all. Aim is to set a deadline after the Oct break and aim to get quotes out to parent forum for vote then

Parents Night

- Interim report will be issued mid November, if parents want to discuss further then can message into office via and its passed onto teacher and arrange contact for further discussion. Notification going out soon on this.
- Query raised if calls can be held on video call rather than telephone to allow more than one parent to be involved.
- Craig advised that technology issues have been experienced with teams, zoom is not secure for schools to use but if parents want to request when contacting the school then they can see what can be arranged.

Constitution

- Craig and Lynn both confirmed no objections from co-opted members of PC to the points of amendment discussed on previous interim PC call
 - a. Amending constitution to make clear that AGM is open to any member of the parent forum and not just council members.
 - b. Amending to include wording that allows for the appointment of a treasurer if the PC agree to do so.

- Connect have a web session on Constitution and AGM's to give guidance to PC on these areas, on Tue 26/10.
- Agreement taken that will wait until after this meeting and then propose new wording for these points that can be put forward by the PC to the wider Parent Forum for sign off.

Halloween fundraising

- Sarah agreed to make up poster to publicise raffle and window competition.
- Raffle -
- o Antje and Nicola have purchased items to make up prizes.
 - o Start to sell tickets £1 each on parent pay after the holidays Tue 19/10 – School to set up
 - o Draw on Thu 28/10 so prizes are handed out for Fri 29/10
 - o Gold, Silver Bronze main prizes with smaller sweetie packs

Window Competition –

- o Open to all, no fee to enter
- o Send in email before Wed 3/11 winner announced by Fri 5/11
- o Small Halloween prizes for kids who enter *2020 was 42 bags needed.
- o Prizes for First and Second place.

A.O.B

1. P6/7 Replacement for Mr Forester
 - Craig advised replacement has been appointed, hoping to announce soon.
2. Connect
 - Connect is a Scottish Charity dedicated to encouraging and shaping high quality parental engagement in their children learning and the life of the school.
 - Renfrewshire council paid membership for 2021-2022 session for all PC's . £150
 - Upcoming sessions include a web session on Constitution and AGM's on 26th October 8 – 9pm. KM and CW both indicated would look to attend. Antje to share login details
3. Christmas Pantomime
 - Craig confirmed that will be no pantomime allowed in the school in December,
 - PC agree to pay £100 instead for another online show like that from Christmas 2020 that can be shared across the school including the nursery classes and can be viewed right into January.
4. School Funds
 - Item to note for discussions at next meeting for a discussion into School Funds.
5. School Lollipop person
 - Group raise concerns with no lollipop person at the gates.

- Craig advised he has no direct responsibility for lollipop provisions but if no-one is there then parents should call the office to report.
 - Teachers are not insured to cover but SFO (facilities staff in school) can come out to cover this role.
6. Parent Council meeting with Steven Quinn
- No significant change to schools approach to Covid
 - Masks use in schools to continue
 - Cleaning regime in schools to continue
 - New approach to positive cases in schools, message will be sent out to advise if is a case in the class – no names
 - CO2 testing underway in schools
 - a. Lynn confirmed has been done in Bushes already, waiting on results
 - Council do not decide meal program, is coming from Scot Gov guidance but SQ setting up Focus Group for school meals due to a lot of complaints being taken on this. PC agreed to share with Parent Forum if any parents want to be involved.
7. fund raising ideas for **Xmas**
- No Christmas Fayre expected to be allowed, is usually the main fund raiser
 - Considering a Santa Dash - kids do steps tied to the daily mile, keep track of count of miles run and sponsored to reach North Pole. School can make Santa hats for kids to wear
 - Will school allow Car Boot sale to be done in playground, can make this a ticketed event with time slots for attendees – to discuss with Craig
 - Sponsored silence for February time

Key ACTIONS:

1. Antje - Connect login to be shared with group.
2. Craig - To set up parent Pay for Halloween raffle so is active from Tuesday 19th October.
3. Craig / Antje - Details of School dinner focus group to be shared with Parent Forum on seesaw to request participation.

Next Meeting Dates:

Parent Council – Tue 2nd November