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**Parent Council Meeting 20/01/2022**

**Minutes**

**Present**

**Chair**

Amanda Hynd

**Headteacher**

Mrs MacKenzie

**Committee members**

Sarah Barry

Claire Brown

**Apologies**

Cath Macklon

Pamela Yule – due to technical difficulties

**Parent Attendees**

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties we could not access the meeting via Teams. Apologies to all who attempted to join.

**Update from Mrs Mackenzie**

* Information re the virtual parents’ nights will be sent to parents soon. These will take place on 30th and 31st March. The school will try to accommodate parents as much as possible.
* Family Learning Sessions will take place in February and March
  + 8th February- Health and Wellbeing session provided by Kim Ralston (DHT).
  + 2nd March – Maths provided by Karen Brown (PT) who teaches P2/1. This will cover early years SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) maths.
  + The school will also be offering these sessions out to nursery parents if possible.
* Children’s Mental Health Week is taking place 7th – 13th February. The children will take part in a range of activities yoga, and mindfulness etc and will of course have their usual gym days as well.
* The Snug area within the school is to receive a much-needed overhaul during February. The Snug is an area where the children are able to chill out, calm down if they feel upset or just take some time out. The talented mural artist known as BemoreSketchy will receive a brief containing ideas from the children which will should result in a more immersive experience.
* The £238 raised for Save the Children has now been matched by Renfrewshire Council resulting in £476 being passed to the charity!
* It would be greatly appreciated if more parents could sign up to ParentPay as going forward the school would like to use this method to communicate with parents. Sending updates via text costs the school money. Please contact the school office re how to sign up.
* Mrs MacKenzie lodged a complaint with SPT re the school bus idling outside the school as this was flagged as a risk to health by some concerned parents. SPT have confirmed that they have raised the issue with their drivers and this practice should no longer happen outside the school. Could parents please let the school know if this is not the case and Mrs MacKenzie will contact SPT again.
* The school is looking for volunteers to help with looking after the school garden area at the back and front of the school. A volunteering day will take place during term 4.
* SetSchoolWear have confirmed that they will provide the P7 leaver hoodies for free again this year. Parent Council will contact parents re how to order and will provide an update re other P7 leaver plans during our next meeting.
* The school will have a Burns themed day on Friday 28th January. Children can wear tartan or their own clothes and will have the option to take part in a talent show. Short bread and Irn Bru will be provided!
* Letters will be sent out shortly re the P7 trip to Ardentinny.

**Update from Chair**

* Nicolle O’Donnell has very kindly offered to assist Parent Council with fundraising as part of her role as COOP Local Member Pioneer. The COOP collected £51 for Parent Council by hosting our Guess the name of the Skelton fundraiser during Halloween last year. This money has now been paid into the Parent Council account. Thank you, Nicolle!
* It looks like Lilias Day 2022 may actually happen on 11th June. Parent Council will look to have a stall in the park on the day. Updates to follow once we have more info from the Lilias Day Committee. The school will also choose a school queen and king based on the school values.
* The Kilbarchan Primary Parent Council fundraising page which was set up on Facebook during December has been a great success. We have 116 members and with their help we have raised £102 which we will use to buy something for the school. We will continue to update the page re the total funds raised and also what we have managed to buy for the school.
* The Woodland Trust will deliver 30 saplings to the school between 28th February and 18th March. The children will plant the saplings at the area between the all-weather pitch and the nursery building.
* The Parent Council are hoping to obtain free flower bulbs from Renfrewshire Council which can be planted at the school.

**Update from Treasurer**

* Sarah Barry has drafted a Road Safety leaflet after concerns were raised at previous meetings by parents re the safety of our children. A copy of this leaflet will be given to parents and published on our Parents Hub Facebook page. The leaflet contains a set of tips that if we all stick to, will help to keep our children as safe as possible.

**Any other business**

* Claire Brown raised the issue around the school lunches not having changed as expected. The menu is on a two-week rotation and the options do not seem to be popular with some children. It was flagged that council areas out with Renfrewshire seem to have much better menus. Mrs MacKenzie has assured the Parent Council that she is pushing for improvements to be made to the menu.

**Date for next meeting** 24th February 2022 7pm – 8pm

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