



Kilbarchan Primary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 14th November 2024

Time: 7-8pm

Location: TEAMS online meeting

Attendees:

Stephen Johnstone, Celine Clark, Emma Perrie, Fiona Smith, Jen Walsh, Hayley Orr, Tracey Robb, Kay Parker, Julie Crawford

Apologies:

None

Headteacher update from Mrs Walsh

- Thank you to the PC for organising the Halloween Disco – the children all thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Staffing –
 - Fiona Scott in P3 M-W until Christmas
 - Fione Kennedy in some classes until Christmas
 - 2 mat leaves coming up (1 teacher – cover provided by Local Authority /1 support staff – hoping to advertise for this)
 - Justyna Kaczmarkek in office
- Recent Events – P1 Bookbug, St Vincents Hospice penny mile which raised £215.15, P6 Trip to the Titanic exhibition, P6 swimming, P7 ongoing transition to high school.
- Christmas
 - Nativity dates set
 - Parties for all classes - Week commencing 16th Dec
 - Santa for P1-3 - would the PC be in a position to donate books again? PC can provide these again from funds already raised.
 - Arrangements for the Christmas fayre – what is required from school. P7 stall to be looked at as was a great success last year.
- Asda rewards – will be added to school fund early next year - thanks you to everyone who has supported so far.
- School Improvement Plan and S&Q - both will be published on website after Local authority authorisation. Making good progress through SIP at planned pace.
- Local authority review very positive and pleased with the progress within the school.

Chairs updates

Christmas Lights Switch On

Christmas lights switch on in the village is 2nd Dec. The parent council are selling burgers and hot dogs at a stall in the square. Please come along to help us raise some funds for the school.

Parent council to provide a poster and the school will post on Parentpay to advertise to parents.

Christmas Fayre

The parent council are organising a Christmas fayre on the afternoon of Sunday 8th Dec (1-4pm). The parents were polled, and this time option got the majority of the votes. Unfortunately, we cannot secure the school for a Sunday let at a cost that would be profitable. Therefore, we have managed to let the Guide Hall in the village instead. We would like to thank Christine and guide hall committee for their help in securing this venue.

We are still looking for a few stalls so if any parent/carer has a small business and they would like to join us or know someone who does then please email Kilbarchan.parentcouncil@gmail.com

The Primary 7s last year were involved in an initiative with Bridge of Weir leather that allowed them to make and then sell leather keyrings. They sold them at a stall at the Christmas fayre and the profits went towards the purchase of their leaver's hoodies. The parent council would like to investigate this again for next years P7s as not able to this year. Instead, the primary 7s are currently researching what they could make to sell at the fayre and raise some funds towards hoodies.

Donations for the raffle and tombola are required before the fayre. Any parent wishing to donate is encouraged to do so and drop off points will be communicated soon. If you want to organise, drop off out with these then please email Kilbarchan.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Volunteers are required to help either set up on Saturday pm or Sunday am, during the fayre or for the clean-up. All welcome. Please contact the parent council if you can help in any way

Treasurer report

Halloween disco was a great success.

Takings - £707.05

Hall let - £63.76

Snacks - £130.27

Profit was £513.02

Also paid this month was the let for the guide hall which was £90.

Children in need/Non-Uniform

Stephen asked if the school planned on doing anything for the children in need charity day. Jen confirmed the schools events committee decided against any activities for children in need this year.

The question of other non-uniform days was also raised. Discussion on whether it was possible to have PJ days or non-uniform on the last day of term or possibly once a year for the children. Stephen and other members of the parent council have been approached by parents and children asking if the school will re-instate them as they were well liked by the children and in some cases raised money for either the school or charity. Mrs Walsh reply was that some children as part of a focus group had indicated they did not want non uniform days in school. Mrs Robb replied that some kids feel vulnerable on pyjama or non-uniform days. All agreed more discussion is required on this subject. And possibly a poll of the children to gain insight into their views on a whole school level.

P7 Hoodies

Currently looking at different suppliers to get the best deal. We will communicate when this has been agreed.

Badged Uniform

Mrs Walsh brought up the topic of badged school uniform. This is now available with the school badge from School wear Made Easy. Polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans and fleece jackets are currently on offer, but other items can be added if there is a market for them. If parents would like anything else added, then please contact the school.

Date of next meeting

Provisional date is Thursday 30th January at 7pm over TEAMS.

Mrs Walsh asked if there were any plans to have in person meetings or meetings during school hours/after school. Unfortunately, due to work commitments the current council cannot accommodate meetings during school hours and if after school/night in person then we would be required to let the school form the council – which would incur charges from the funds raised. With the current participation levels at meetings, we cannot justify letting the school for meetings at present. Therefore, evening TEAMS calls is the preferred option, but we will continue to investigate ways of moving to in person meetings.