

St. Fillan's Primary School - Agenda/Minutes - 2017 -2018

Day: Wednesday Date: 31st January 2018 Meeting: Parent Council

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Present:

Jackie Byrne, Amanda McGowan, Julie-Ann Dunn, Wendy Rennie, Paula McGeachie, Pauline Kerr, Laura Coutts, Claire Double, Vivienne Dempster, Stephanie Hart, Linda-May Ruxton, Mrs McPherson and Mrs MacKenzie.

Apologies: Louisa Stevenson and Christina O'Donnell.

*Discuss minutes of last meeting and Actions.

Item	Discussion	Action/	✓
		Responsibility	
Welcome from chairperson.	Referred to agenda. Jackie discussed about keeping meetings to a minimum.	Agenda at each meeting to steer the direction of each meeting. Forming a constitution.	
Headteacher's report. (SEE APPENDIX 1). Please see appendix one.	A breakdown of funds raised was issued and discussed. Staff training and development. Wish List items- Board Games for Golden Time Garden Resources-£600.00 Library resources	Mrs Mackenzie will use the same format of reporting for each meeting. Mrs Mackenzie discussed items on the school wish list, and asked if the Parent Council can support with these items. Parent council discussed these items and are happy to help and look at the funds available.	

• Treasurer's report

Jackie discussed there should be a treasurers report at each meeting to allow for transparency. The books should be opened once a year to an independent person who has a background with numbers. There is no report at present from the treasurer. The historic bank account was also discussed.

Jackie, Linda-May and Louisa will look at creating the treasurer's report. They will also go into the bank with identification to gain access to the historical bank account.

Forming a constitution.

Mrs McPherson issued a model constitution for parent councils for the parent council to read over and discuss.

Parent council issued with information on how to create a constitution.

Jackie Byrne discussed concerns from a parent regarding the constitution and transparency within the parent council.

Jackie Byrne will write the constitution and discuss with the parent council. The constitution will be available in due course.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings and discuss any issues.

Any other business to be submitted via class reps.

Parish Rep/Pastoral
 Care business

Father Joe brought the children booklets to support the children with their communion.

Sister Mary Francis comes into the school each Wednesday to support the children with their religious education.

Jackie discussed money from the parent council being donated to the first communicants.

Money for first communion and thank you flowers were discussed.

Photographs on the day for the children

It was decided that money would be donated per head to give the children a breakfast and cake. £5 a head was agreed. Parents are happy to help with the

breakfast for the children. Thank you flowers for the class teachers and Sister Mary Francis. Each individual year group to decide on photographs. It was discussed that the leavers are £10 agreed for the given a gift from the school. leaver's dance per head. Jackie asked if it would be nicer to give Hoodies for the children the children their hoodie as a gift will be ordered. Mrs rather than £10 for the leaver's dance. Degnan has previously fundraised for the Discussion around venues for the hoodies and the school leaver's dance. will find out if this will happen again this year. Finances need sorted before the 200 This will be discussed at Fundraising club can be organised. a later date. Quiz night to raise funds. Venue to be Friday the 20th of April agreed and a raffle to raise funds. was proposed for the Houston Bowling Club was suggested by quiz night. Mrs MacPherson. Valentines Disco was discussed. It was decided that Having a Disco Dome during the school there was not enough day to raise funds was discussed. time to organise and so an enquiry about the Disco Dome will go ahead. Calendar of Events Discussion around moving of the Saturday 1st December Christmas Fayre to a Saturday morning was agreed. Time to be to encourage more people to attend. confirmed.

Issues surrounding access to the school on the Friday was discussed as the school is off on the 30th November.

Date for the Summer Fayre was discussed.

Fayre will be set up on the Thursday night or a let will be asked for on the Friday.

The 8th June was agreed for the Summer Fayre.

Check with Father Joe about the date for access to the chapel grounds.

Parking in the church grounds.

Limited access in and out of the chapel car park due to parents parking in an unsafe manner and obstructing other vehicle access.

Children are allowed to leave cars without being escorted to the school grounds.

Issues with the school bus not arriving was also discussed. The school bus is normally very reliable and this was agreed.

Parents are asked to be courteous and adhere to the safety of the children by walking the children into the school grounds and parking responsibly.

AOCB

Claire Double raised concerns about items posted on St Fillan Bear facebook page.

Mrs McPherson discussed that it does take time for teachers to post these pictures and that staff are not asked to post a certain amount.

Mrs MacKenzie will check with classes and try to sort any ICT problems which have been occurring.



HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT - Mrs Claire Mackenzie

Christmas Activities - Funds Raised:

Breakdown:

- Donations for the Programmes £271.93
- Children's Hamper £49.00
- Raffle (Large Hamper) £346.30
- 100 Square £96.00
- Tablet Sold £135.94
- Show Photographs £117.00
- Gifted Donations £340.00 in total.
- TOTAL FIGURE: £1,356.17

Monies Raised for Charity:

Breakdown:

- Fairtrade Coffee Morning Alzheimer's Scotland Appeal £41.70
- Fairtrade Hamper £123.60
- Poppy Scotland (November 2017) £36.71
- Mary's Meals (November 2017) £250.00
- SPREAD (December 2017) £294.21 (Staff rounded this figure to £300.00)
- TOTAL RAISED AND SENT TO CHARITY: £752. 01

1. Staff Training/Development: January 2018:

- Mrs J Kaney (Primary 5/6B Class Teacher) (9.01.18) Literacy Champion and she attends meetings to keep abreast of recent developments in Renfrewshire. Examples of good practice is also shared at these events.
- Mrs C Mackenzie (Head Teacher) (12.01.18) Assessment and Moderation event - shared understanding around pupil attainment. (17.01.18) - Leadership Training - Self Evaluation practices and principles. (22.01.18) - Pre 5 Liaison Meeting - Tracking progress in the Early Years/ Transition into Primary 1. (25.01.18) - Local Authority HT Training - Grievance and Discipline Procedures. (29.01.18) - Numeracy Champion Meeting.

- Mrs J McFarlane (Primary 3/2 Class Teacher) (29.01.18) Numeracy Champions Meeting - New Planners, Pathways, Holistic Assessment and other forms of assessment.
- Mrs J Smith (Primary 2/1 Class Teacher) (11.01.18) Training in the Early Years - Early Learning Environment. (25.01.18) - Assessing Children's Progress in the Early Years. (31.01.18) - RHS Meeting -Outdoor Learning.
- Mrs J Kelly (Classroom Assistant) (16.01.18) S.E.A.L Training.
- Mrs A Steele (Primary 5/6A Class Teacher) and Miss S McLaughlin (Primary 4/3 Class Teacher) - attended 'Book Club' Training provided by the Local Authority.

2. Planned Collegiate Time:

Thursday 18th January 2018 -

- 1. Writing Monitoring and moderation feedback from SLT. (HT)
- 2. PEF Position Statement. (HT)

Thursday 21st January 2018:

- Review of School Aims to prepare for Parent's Night consultation. (PT)
- Staff Health and Well-being Audit. (PT)

Wednesday 21st February 2018:

- Continue to review/ streamline school aims.
- 'Developing in Faith' self-evaluation activity for SCES.

3. Quality Assurance/ Monitoring:

Monitoring activities undertaken in December and January included:

- Attendance.
- Behaviour.
- Newly Qualified Teacher Mentoring and Observations (Mrs J McPherson).
- Forward Planning Monitoring IDL Planners and contexts as a focus.
- Writing Jotters (HT and PT).
- Writing Assessments from August and December (SLT Moderation).

4. Staffing:

- Mrs J McFarlane has agreed to work an extra day every Wednesday for a ten week block - PEF focussing on developing writing across the school. Mrs McFarlane will support Primaries 1 - 4.
- Mrs J Kaney has agreed to work an extra day every Wednesday for a ten week block - PEF focussing on developing writing across the school.
 Mrs Kaney will support Primaries 5 - 7.

5. Cluster Working:

 HT attended the Cluster Heads Meeting on Monday 29th January 2018 to discuss the following issues: Primary 7 Transition Calendar, Primary 7 Transition Teacher, Catholic Education Week, May In-Service Day Plans.

6. GIRFEL:

- Referrals to partner agencies were made for school children as appropriate and in line with GIRFEL practices.
- IEP's were evaluated for December and new targets set and issued to parents.

7. Catholic Education:

- Catholic Education Week Booklet will be issued at Mass when Father Joe returns from holiday. There are two Catholic Education Weeks this week with the second falling in November.
- Wall display in the Central Area 'Catholic Schools, Good for Scotland.'
 Icon displayed of 'Jesus the Teacher.'

8. Resources Purchased by the School:

- Playmakers bibs and badges.
- Soft cushions for the Infants Assemblies.
- Visualisers one per class.
- Worry Monsters one per class.
- A set of Class Novels.

9. Committee Groups:

- All groups are progressing well with positive feedback from the children.
- The structure in terms of allocated time will be reviewed next session.

10. Educational Visits and Events:

- Primary 1-3 Scoobmobile.
- Primary 4/5 NYCOS Music Tuition.
- Various Pupils Inspire Art Exhibition.
- Whole School Zoolab Visit.
- Whole School Scottish Assembly.
- Primary 7 RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch.

11. AOCB:

- Class Wish lists equipment for Golden Time to make this time special for pupils.
- Garden wish list School Improvement Plan. Request for £600.00.
- Library Wish List Central Area following feedback from a Literacy Audit of Reading, which was completed by staff in January 2018 and the pupil's suggestions to have a greater variety of books available to read.