

Minutes of St James Parent Council Meeting

17.04.18

Anne McCabe (Chairperson)

Jen Walsh (Vice Chairperson)

Lindsay Thornhill (Treasurer)

Liz Gardner (Parent Member)

Jennifer Kerr (Parent Member)

Nicola McFadyen (Parent Member)

Lyndie Gibson (Parent Member)

Mr Derek Retson (Head teacher)

Mrs Natalie McKay (Deputy Head teacher)

Chairpersons Report

Anne had been speaking to Mossvale chairperson regarding the following

- A joint initiative to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Mossvale/St James' Campus. It was suggested that we could sell momentos through class fundraising and PC would receive commission, another option would be for large group photo of all children together this would have an outlay of around £300 but it was felt that this could be recouped by selling photo to parents. The final option would be for pin/badge to be made incorporating two school badges and "25th Anniversary" and purchasing these for children to wear at joint concerts. Parent council felt that the best option would be the joint photograph and possibly pin badges depending on cost of these, Anne been provided with rough costing of 90p per badge. Anne will liaise with Mossvale.
- Anne also asked about possibility of joint BBQ in September, Mossvale advised that they felt be best to have it at end of term May/June as it took too much of people's summer. PC felt that August/Spetember time

was best time to have it as it is chance to welcome all new families to school, that due to Holy Communions, Confirmations and P7 leavers prom and residential trip that it is already a busy and expensive time for families in our school. Anne will liaise with Mossvale

- A fundraising event suggestion of a sponsored bounce was put forward. Mr Retson advised that there was lots going on towards end of term and this would be best left to later date.
- Rescheduled quiz night is scheduled to take place on Friday 1st June at Caledonia Bowling Club. It was agreed that this night needs to be a success to boost our funds for beginning of next year and that all our focus should be on making this a success. It was agreed that posters should be made and put up around community, Liz has agreed to approach Spicy Joes to see if donate prize for raffle and put poster in shop, weekly reminders placed on our FB page encouraging people to attend. Hoping to receive match funding from this event and Lindsay will speak with couple of parents who work for companies that participate in this. Liz has agreed to attend both P1 induction days on 16th and 30th May to sell tickets to new families coming into school, we will also sell tickets at upcoming joint concerts on 22nd and 23rd May.

Treasurers Update;

- Lindsey provided the meeting with printed breakdown of our recent expenditures and income. There was also an estimated forecast of our expected income from last disco of year as well as quiz night, expenditure for P7 hoodies, sacramental gifts and new I pads.
- Lindsey also advised that if the quiz night is not well supported then there is a possibility that we could start our next financial year with under £1000 in the bank and with possibility of joint BBQ we may struggle to provide same level of float as we did last year.
- It was discussed that we need to have 4 large event, one in each term in order that PC can continue to support school. It was agreed that we would come up with a calendar of events before end of the term and have dates confirmed by beginning of new school year so that we can provide parents/carers with as much notice as possible.

Quiz Night

- It was agreed that we need to give the quiz night our all, in order that it is as successful as can be. It is hoped that we could also receive match funding from this even and Lindsey is going to speak to a couple of parents who work for companies that participate in this.
- Liz agreed to attend both P1 induction days to try and sell tickets to new families coming into school, providing them with an opportunity to meet other families before August.
- We will also sell tickets for quiz night and each of the concerts being organised to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of joint campus. Once times have been confirmed we can see who is available to sell tickets at each concert.
- It was agreed that we will have following games at quiz night; pass bucket, win bottle (throwing money at it), raffle, a game centred around football card aimed at children (Jen Walsh has agreed to arrange this), bingo (Lyndie Cameron is going to source the equipment)
- Anne will source quiz master and is currently waiting on reply from Mr Kelly.
- Nicola will bring along her Ipad and provide music for before/after quiz.
- Also put reminders on facebook on regular basis regarding ticket sales.

Summer Disco

- Our Summer disco takes place on Wednesday 13th June and is out last one of the school year.
- Anne will arrange for letters to be sent out closer to the time and arrange helpers for each disco.
- Lyndsey will check what tuck we have left over and purchase any additional required.
- Nicola has advised that she will be able to do music for both discos.
- It was agreed to put in before end of term dates for discos and meeting for next year. Anne has forms is house and will fill these out and send them in.

AOB

- Anne advised that P7 hoodies have been ordered. The children have picked their colour and size and will be given to them at their leavers mass on 21st June.
- Anne has also ordered the pins for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation children. Pins will be handed out to children who make their Holy Communion at their thanksgiving mass and Confirmation children will be given their pins by class teacher and they will wear them on their ties on Confirmation night.
- Meeting also thought that date of our next meeting was too close to quiz night, so to ensure everything is on track for it Anne will look to bringing date forward.