



ST JOHN BOSCO PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ST JOHN BOSCO PRIMARY SCHOOL, ERSKINE

ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2027 AT 18:00

Present: Mrs Gardyne (LG)
Mrs Bannigan (JB)
Christine Combe (CC) - Chair
Gordon Brown (GB) - Treasurer
Beth Mackay (BM) – Minutes
Claire Booth (CB)
Sharon MacDonald (SM)
Alison Deakin (AD)
Suzanne Banks (SB)

Apologies: Donna Thorburn (DT)
Laura Mullen (LM)
Claire Harkins (CH)

Head Teachers Report

P7 Events

Confirmation

Confirmations will take place on 1st May 2024 at 18:30 at St Mirren's Cathedral. Children should choose their confirmation Saint and their sponsor. LG advised that parents can be sponsors.

P7 trip to Dalguise

Planned for Tuesday 7th May 06:00 – Wednesday 8th May 20:30. Children need to provide their own sleeping bag and pillow, these will not be provided. The cost of the trip is £241 and must be paid by 31 March 2024.

P7 Leavers Hoodies

Paid for by the Parent Council, £25 donation per child. 44 children in P7 this year. The school will have the sizes confirmed by February. The office staff will arrange the order and Hoodies will be distributed after the easter holidays.

Action – LG to ask office staff to confirm when they need the PC contribution for the Hoodies

P7 Show

This will be performed to P7 families on Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 13:15.

P7 leavers Dance

This will take place on Wed 19th June from 18:30-20:30, the children will choose their food, playlists and activities. Whatever is left from the £25 hoodies contribution will go towards the P7 leavers Dance and they will fundraise for anything additional.

In previous year some parents wished to contribute, this is appreciated however it is not necessary.



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Travelling to and from the leavers dance is the responsibility of parents. If any transport arrangements are being made, the school would ask parents to consider issues around inclusion to ensure that all children who want to are included.

In previous years there was a volunteer to arrange gifts, photo montage and setting up the hall. LG will ask for a parent volunteer.

Action – LG to ask for P7 volunteers for the P7 leavers dance.

P7 leavers Mass

The Leavers mass will take place on Thursday 20th June 2024, parents and family members are invited to attend.

P7 last day

P6 will do the P7 guard of honour this year as they are leaving.

CB suggested that P7's throwing the ties over the balcony worked well rather than tying the ties to the fences.

P7 parents were in the playground for pictures, tie drop and guard of honour.

Head Teachers Report Continued:

Feast of St John Bosco

31st January, we had hoped we would have everything on the one day but this has not been achievable:

M&M Robin Hood production – Monday 29th January

Mass – Wednesday 31st January

Ice cream van – Thursday 1st February PM

Session 2024/25

34 children have registered for Primary 1, the closing date for placing requests is 15th March therefore LG will know final numbers at the end of March.

LG advised that no one was available from Renfrewshire Council to attend tonight meeting however someone will attend the next meeting.

Self evaluation

Each school has been paired with another school, SJB has been paired with Houston Primary School. LG goes to visit on 30th January 2024 and their HT will visit SJB on 19th March, the purpose is to share best practice.

They will carry out classroom and playroom visits and will meet with some pupils.

Action – LG will feedback on the visit at future PC meetings.



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Whole School Summer trip

This went out to pupils and staff to vote.

The overwhelming favourite was Clyde Valley Farm Park.

Costs are approx £17 per child including entry and cost of the bus.

LG suggested that parents pay £7 and asked if the Parent Council would pay £10 per child. Current School role is 254

GB asked regarding Quarriers funding requirements, LG confirmed that she has covered this out of school funds.

GB advised that the £10 per child contribution towards the School Summer trip can be funded from SJB PC funds.

Consultation of P7 Residential trip for 2024/25

LG advised that we will consult with P6 parents on the destination for the P7 residential trip in the coming years. If possible and to reduce the cost for all families, we will continue to share with St Annes primary and the 2 day 1 night model will continue.

LG will work with St Annes HT and prepare a shortlist.

LG advised that this would then need to be set for X years and not be consulted on every year.

Childrens Mental Health Week

Childrens mental health week begins Mon 5th February, this ended with a Welly Walk on Friday 9th February.

Digital Update

LG advised the school is now working towards Cyber resilience accreditation.

Actions from last meeting

PC logo

CC has created a new group however doesn't have admin rights on old group, this was resolved during the meeting.

Fundraising updates

50:50 at Christmas show raised circa £250 and Christmas Hamper circa £235

Santa gifts are bought, wrapped and back to the school.

Additional School Disco

Bargarran are having a disco on 14th March.

End of April, start of May proposed. LG advised it would need to be April as the school will be being used for local elections in May.



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Thursday 25th April proposed for the Spring Disco, this was agreed by the PC.

Action – LG to arrange for the let for the Spring Disco on Thursday 25th April and include in the newsletter.

Action – CC to arrange for Spring Disco to be advertised and paypal account notified for payment.

Santa gifts

P1 & P2 got book from Santa and the other years got Crisps and Haribo. LG added that Santa went down very well.

Dargavel Petition

CC advised that Dargavel Primary Parent Council have put out a petition today to say that they have lost faith in Renfrewshire Council.

They want the extension stopped at Park Mains and the money invested in a Dargavel High School.

There was discussion that this was a wider issue than Dargavel although acknowledged they are the most affected by it.

Fundraising

CC proposed a sponsored walk on a Saturday afternoon.

Agreed to put out a questionnaire to gauge interest.

LG suggested a sponsored bunny hop linked into the Spring Fling.

Sponsored walk agreed for Saturday 2nd March at 14:00 – all family welcome.

Action – LG to include sponsored walk in PC updating events in the next newsletter

Spring fling

Confirmed as Friday 22nd March 2024 15:30 -18:30

Agreed the format worked well last year.

Agreed to advertise the stalls early this year.

Food – hotdogs, chips worked well last year but we needed more.

Entry tickets got them a tea/coffee and cookie.

Own clothes dates for donations 1st and 15th March for own clothes days.

Chocolate & drinks tombola, bunny's birthday, human fruit machine, raffle, water or wine, pocket money toys, face painting, nail painting, glitter tatoos, book stall donation, pancake stall, beat the goalie, Easter egg hunt

Action – LG to speak to kitchen staff

LG to arrange own clothes days for donations (chocolates, bottles)

LG/CC letters, messages to Local businesses for donations



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Treasurer's Report

£4,204.10.

P7 leavers Hoodies and football kits to come off of that

AOB

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 14th March 2024
- Thursday 16th May 2024

Accepted as a true record of the meeting:

Signed:

Date: