

St Paul's Parent Council Meeting

7/2/24

Attendees: Lisa McIlreavy (Chair), Natalie Bell (Vice Chair), Helen Alexander (Secretary), Louise Maher (Head Teacher), Gemma McQueen (Teacher Representative), Aine O'Connor, Siobhan Young

Apologies: Emma Stewart (Treasurer), Kayleigh Tait

[Abbreviations: SPPC Saint Paul's Parents Council; Initials of attendees]

1. Head Teacher Update (LM)

1.1 On 23/2/24, there will be an assembly via Teams from St Andrew's involving all primary school P7 classes.

1.2 The homelink service is changing. Staff will only support "enhanced transitions" rather than transition for all students.

1.3 On 21-22/5/24, P7 have visit to St Andrew's in their new S1 classes with all schools.

1.4 New key workers Elizabeth Martin and Michelle McMaster have joined the school. Their duties include aiding students in Anchor Base and taking individual students out of class, even out of school, for various activities.

1.5 Renfrewshire schools have a policy of "Presumption of Mainstream" for children with additional support needs (ASN). Conversations are ongoing with various parents who perhaps do not understand the policy. NB raised issue that the policy is not working in all cases. SY provided an example where a student with ASN wanted the light off, while another child wanted it on. These sorts of difficulties are understood to be unfortunate. The school has been providing lessons to all students from the LEANS (Learning About Neurodiversity at School) curriculum, which is helping students understand their peers with ASN.

1.6 An upcoming In-Service Day will look at pupil support, making sure approaches are consistent across the school.

1.7 There will be a survey issued to families to determine what the Pupil Equity Funding should be spent on. Place2Be is currently funded this way, and council unanimously agrees that the service is worth its weight in gold for pupils, and that Susan is a good fit within the school.

1.8 Students' fundraising during Lent will be donated to Missio, which is the Bishop of Paisley's charity.

2. Accounts Update

2.1 Bank account total £1489.51

2.2 P7s Smartie Tube money for hoodies £182.15

2.3 In safe: £60 float, £50 float for P7 cake sale, £60 float for Valentines disco, £100 to pay Valentines DJ, £64.50 to pay Valentines hall rent. Envelope containing £140 for hall rent for Xmas fayre, estimated because no invoice received yet.

2.4 £11.46 given to Amanda to refund a parent for broken Xmas ornament.

2.5 £41.88 is owed to NB for Valentines disco sweets & crisps.

3. P7 Hoodies

3.1 Cost £30 each

3.2 £5 will be provided for each hoodie by SPPC every year going forward.

4. Valentines Disco

4.1 DJ is booked.

4.2 Registers of children will be provided

4.3 Sweets/crisps are bought.

4.4 Will write children's names on cups with permanent marker so they can be reused.

AOB

5. P7 Leavers' Dance

5.1 Hire round tables

5.2 Source a red carpet

5.3 Tell date to parents ASAP

5.4 DJ needs to be hired

6. Communion and Confirmations

6.1 Could have tea after Mass of Thanksgiving on the Sunday.

6.2 There is no meeting in April, so must be sorted at March meeting.

7 P7 Cake Sale

7.1 Lisa will be helping, starting at 9:30

7.2 Some P7s could set up tables the day before

7.3 Must be out of hall by 11 for nursery to come in.

Date of Next Meeting 7/2/24

For agenda: Summer Fun Day; Tea for Communicants and Confirmands.