

St Peter's Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday 24 April 2018  
6.30pm

Present

Mrs S Mazzone Head Teacher  
Mrs G Tannahill Clerk  
Mr P Doherty Parent  
Mrs L Wakeling Chair  
Mrs K McAllister Vice Chair/Treasurer  
Mrs E Jackson Parent  
Mrs S O'Donnell Parent

- **Welcome**

Mrs Wakeling welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

- **Update on Finances**

There is currently £785.00 in the Parent Council Bank Account. Fundraising events still to be held are Movie Club, Spring Fling and Ladies night.

There is paperwork to be completed to change signatories to the bank account.

Mrs O'Donnell informed the group the bank she is employed by matches fundraising by schools, football clubs etc. She suggested parents make enquiries to local businesses to find out if this would be a possibility for St Peter's.

- **Head Teachers Update**

Mrs Mazzone informed the group she had attended a Head Teacher Cluster Meeting. Mr Henry, Head Teacher of St Andrew's Academy, reported concerns about the school becoming over capacitated. This is due to Primary 7 children from the local non-denominational primary school going to St Andrew's rather than attend Paisley Grammar which is their cluster Secondary school. The reason is St Andrew's is closer in distance. August 2018 has been really tight for space in S1, however everyone has been accommodated. August 2019 is going to cause problems for families because of the numbers. Mrs Mazzone explained East Renfrewshire have a policy in place which prevents this situation arising. If a child has attended a Catholic Primary School from P1 – P7 and are committed to the Catholic faith they are guaranteed a place in their cluster high school. The Policy can be viewed online. Cluster Head Teachers are planning to meet with Bishop John to discuss this worrying matter and to propose a similar policy be put in place.

Mrs Mazzone reminded the group the school had received £52000.00 last year from the Scottish Government Pupil Equity Fund. After much consultation with staff, parents' and pupils the money was used providing extra support for pupils. Mr John McIntosh, Inclusion Support Officer and Mrs Karen Ewing,

classroom Assistant have been in their roles since August 2017. Staff have been given the opportunity to take part in ongoing professional development. The homework club has been introduced and the school has ordered a large screen and projector for the gym hall.

This year the school will receive £48000.00 which enables the school to keep the extra staff members. Mrs Mazzoni has made plans, along with other Head Teachers to continue with Growth Mind Set and hopefully get parents involved.

The staff will receive talks and workshops on Working on Mindfulness from a professional expert on the subject. Mrs Mazzoni is hoping to get parents involved with this also. Staff will continue working with 'The Write Stuff' which the children are benefiting from.

The Cluster will continue to work in partnership with other schools on numeracy. This involves staff members visiting colleagues classrooms and sharing good practice.

Mrs Mazzoni reported there is almost £7000 left in the fund which is to be carried over into the new school year. Parents will be consulted on how best to utilise the money for the benefit of the children.

The parent group have been talking about future fundraising for outdoor learning. Sensory learning resources, outdoor fixed musical items, benches and learning shelters. Some schools have these items and the children have benefited greatly from being outdoors. Mrs Mazzoni agreed it would be wonderful to have these resources within the school grounds.

There was a discussion about the children experiencing life skills within the school, cooking and sewing etc. Mrs Mazzoni explained to the group that during Golden Time these activities take place on a regular basis.

Mrs Mazzoni informed the group there were 25 children registered for the Primary 1 August 2018 intake. This will mean there will be a P1 class and a P1/2 composite class.

Primary 7 class teacher will begin her maternity leave at the end of June 2018.

Mrs Caitlin MacLaeon (class teacher) has volunteered to help Eileen Connell and Angela Burns (parent volunteers) with the Netball team

- **Curtain update & Further update**

The curtains are to be installed on Monday 30 April 2018 and will take 2 full days. The installers came across a problem which would cause a hold up for the fitting. There has been a further date arranged and all being well the curtains will be installed on Friday 1 June and Saturday 2 June 2018.

- **Spring Fling and Ladies Night**

So far there have been 11 volunteers to help with stalls and tables. There will be the usual food tables, crepes, hotdogs, tuck shop. Various activities have been arranged and there will be lots of raffle prizes. A dress down day on Thursday 3 May 2018 has been arranged with a forfeit of a bottle or some chocolate.

A letter with a tear off slip requesting parent helpers for the event will be sent home with the children in the near future.

The Ladies Night will take place on Friday 1 June 2018 and tickets have been sold for this event already. There will be a final push on ticket sales at the Spring Fling.

- **Improvement playground project/ideas**

A meeting took place on the day the P7 children came back from Lockerbie. There were some parents who normally attend the meetings waiting for the bus to arrive back. There were a lot of good ideas shared among the group. Art work in the playground related to maths, kind messages and other suggestions.

- **P7 Items – Ties/Party**

Mrs McAllister will order the secondary school ties for the P7 leavers. Pizzas and balloons have been ordered. The children will meet at the school at 5.45pm on Thursday 21 June 2018 and they will be collected in the cars and be delivered to the church hall for 7pm.

- **50/50 Draw**

There were 72 envelopes in the tin and Mrs Mazzoni randomly picked an envelope. Sophia Crook P2/3 was the 50/50 winner. £36.00 went home to Sophia's family and Sophia received some chocolate.

- **St Andrew's Academy Education Scotland Report goes live tonight.**

- **Parent Council Liaison Meeting at Renfrewshire House is taking place on 21 May 2018 at 7pm.**

- **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 30 May 2018 6.30pm