

St Peter's Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 20 March 2019

6pm

Present

Mr P Doherty Chair
Mrs K McAllister Treasurer
Mrs S Cartwright Parent
Mrs S Mazzoni Head Teacher
Mrs A Campbell Class Teacher
Mrs G Tannahill Clerk

Apologies

Mrs M Connick
Ms J Spencer
Mrs J Moohan

- **Welcome**

Mr Doherty welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

- **Chairperson's Report**

Mr Doherty had attended a Parent Council Liaison meeting at Renfrewshire Council on 19 February 2019. He informed the group there will be a Parental Engagement Survey issued to all parents from Renfrewshire Council around May/June 2019. There was a presentation about the Primary/Secondary Transition Process. Stephen Quinn, Director of Children's Services, presented a challenge about schools becoming car free zones.

School meals are changing. Renfrewshire Council are consulting with parents and pupils to ensure the standard and choices of school meals offered are being received well by the children. Mrs Mazzoni had St Peter's Pupil Council met with one of the coordinators from Renfrewshire Council. The group discussed their favourite foods and healthy options and will provide feedback.

Cashless payments for lunch are being piloted in some schools at the moment. This is due to be rolled out to all schools in the future. Children in Primary 1 – 3 will continue to receive free school meals.

Mr Doherty reported that a few parents had completed the questionnaires the parent group had handed out at Parents Evenings and a high percentage of parents/carers were very pleased with the work the Parent Council carry out within the school.

- **Treasurers Report**

Mrs McAllister reported the balance in the Parent Council Account is £1497.01. The Parent Council agreed to pay £12.00 to Renfrewshire Council to allow the school netball team to play in the Eilish Heron League. The let for the school disco is still to be paid for. The parent group agreed to donate £1500 to the school for outdoor playground equipment.

Mrs McAllister had been in touch with a Licencing Officer at Renfrewshire Council to confirm whether the Parent Council required a Lottery Licence for their events. Renfrewshire Council confirmed it would not be required for the sort of events the group hold during the school year.

Mrs McAllister agreed to compose a newsletter/information sheet to parents outlining parent run events. This will inform parents/carers about which events have been held, how much it costs to hold the event, how much funds were raised from the event and what the funds are used for. The Parent Council will be gifting Easter Eggs to every child before the Easter weekend.

- **P1/2 Chicks**

Mrs Campbell shared the story of the chicks in her classroom with the group. The eggs arrived in the classroom and the children watched in awe as the chicks hatched from their eggs. They emerged and were looked after by Mrs Campbell and P1/2. The whole school had the opportunity to visit the classroom and observe the chicks. The whole school loved the chicks and some of them went home with Mrs Ewing, who has a small holding, to be looked after. We look forward to receiving updates from Mrs Ewing on their progress. Everyone was sad to see them leave the school.

- **Head Teacher's Report**

Mrs Mazzoni reported Parents Evening's had gone very well and a good number of parents had completed the questionnaires which were handed out and the feedback has been very useful.

P1 Transition Days are being held in the school at the moment to give August P1 children the opportunity to experience the classroom environment. The P1 induction days being held in the school are 16 & 23 May. Parents/carers will attend these days and be given a presentation and lots of information about their child starting school.

Mrs Mazzoni and the Senior Management Team are in the process of preparing the school review for the academic year and offered the Parent Council and the Parent Forum the opportunity to view the School Improvement Plan 2019/2020.

Mrs Cartwright suggested talking to the children about handling money, budgeting etc. Mrs Mazzoni assured the group that during money week the class teachers incorporate these important life skills in their lessons.

Mrs Mazzoni informed the group that from August 2019 the school will have an App. The parents agreed this would be a very useful tool to access information about events being held in the school. Mrs Mazzoni also intends to use the App for surveys to provide feedback and opinion from the Parent Forum. Mrs Cartwright agreed to carry out some research into survey sites and will report back to Mrs Mazzoni when she has some information regarding this.

- **Fundraising Objectives for 2018/2019**

Outdoor playground equipment is the main fundraising objective for the Parent Council this year. The parent group had agreed at the start of session 2018/2019 to raise funds for playground games and also upgrading the eco garden.

The group had a discussion about asking parents and the wider school community to offer their time and talents towards helping with the project. There may be some wonderful carpenters who could create toadstools and create a magical wonderland in our eco garden.

Further discussion resulted in some wonderful ideas for our children, including painted board games on the playground surface. Giant rubber dice, climbing wall and lots of other ideas.

Mrs Cartwright spoke to the group about an app she uses called Easy Fundraising which you can log on to before purchasing items from various places. It builds up money every time you buy something.

A lot of discussion around fundraising ideas resulted in excellent ideas for future events, including, crazy hair day, PJ day, family afternoon, talent shows, (including talented former pupils of St Peter's). Mrs Cartwright agreed to do some research and get back to the group with information to carry forward ideas.

The group agreed to have a discussion around changing the movie club day and time, perhaps moving it to an earlier slot of 3pm.

- **Spring Fling**
Parent Council Spring Fling will take place in the gym hall on Friday 17 May from 3 – 5.30pm. The nursery are taking part to raise funds for their parent group. There will be lots of stalls, including tombola's and a raffle.
- **Primary 7 Leavers**
There will be a meeting for P7 leavers parents/carers on Friday 22 March 19 at 4pm.
- **AOB**
Mrs Cartwright agreed to structure an event for the next meeting for the group to discuss.
- **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 6pm