

St Peter's Parent Council

AGM

Wednesday 11 September 2019 6pm

Present

Mrs Mazzoni Head Teacher

Mrs Tannahill Clerk

Mr Doherty Chair

Mrs McAllister Treasurer

Mrs Donlon

Mrs Crangle

Ms Heron

Mrs Kennedy

Apologies

Mrs Cartwright

- **Welcome**

Mr Doherty welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Mr Doherty explained to the group that the roles of Vice Chair and secretary are currently vacant and asked the group whether anyone would consider volunteering.

- **Chairperson Report**

Mr Doherty had attended a Parent Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 10 September at Renfrewshire Council. Gordon McKinlay chaired the meeting and explained that there will be a new Renfrewshire Council School Admissions Policy which will be effective from 2020. This is due to Secondary Schools being full and not being able to accommodate children out with the catchment area who have attended cluster primary schools throughout their primary school career.

Mr Doherty informed the group that Parent Councils from other schools were being encouraged to work together to share fundraising ideas and good practice.

The next Parent Liaison meeting will take place in November where a Teacher Judgement Survey will be undertaken. Mrs Mazzoni explained the CfE assessments that take place in school at P1, P4 and P7 stages. Whilst these assessments are carried out in class and the data shows the CfE level achieved the teacher will always use their professional judgement to clarify the level the child has reached.

- **Treasurers Report**

Mrs McAllister provided the group with a copy of the Parent Council Accounts which she had prepared with a detailed account of Income and expenditure.

The Parent Council presented the school with a cheque for £1700.00 at the end of June 2019. This money will go towards playground equipment as discussed throughout the last school session.

Mrs Mazzoni asked if the group would continue to raise funds for the playground. Mrs Mazzoni has gathered feedback from parents, children and staff and everyone has lots of ideas about what they would like in the playground. The group agreed that it would be wonderful to make the playground more exciting for the children.

Mrs Mazzoni informed the group that the school would be also be contributing to this outdoor project through the PEF (Pupil Equity Fund).

The group had a discussion about various fundraising ideas.

- **Head Teachers Report**

Mrs Mazzoni reported that Mrs Lawson will be absent for the next four weeks. Supply cover has been requested for P6/7 as Mrs Maclean is currently carrying out crucial tasks in Mrs Lawson's absence.

Mrs Maclean will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of October. Mrs McAllister is volunteering in the school on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Mrs Mazzoni is grateful when parents come into the school to help and would encourage more parents to do this. A PVG is required and the form is available from the school.

Mrs Mazzoni explained that she had not yet met with Joanne Duffy (Service Delivery Officer) to discuss the school budget. Mrs Mazzoni informed the group that despite not having met with Joanne, core resources were being purchased.

Mrs Mazzoni reminded the group that there are two budgets within the school. The school budget and the PEF budget. Mr McIntosh (Inclusion Support Assistant) and Mrs Ewing (Classroom Assistant) are paid from the PEF fund. Miss McGregor (ASNA) has hours paid by Renfrewshire Council and PEF. Mrs Mazzoni made the decision to contribute to the outdoor playground resources from PEF after consulting with staff and the children. The feedback was overwhelming and the children are very excited to see their ideas coming to fruition.

Mrs Mazzoni is also planning to buy new Literacy Resources for the children. The books are considered 'cool' by the children. This is to engage every child in the school and encourage reluctant readers.

Mrs Donlon and Ms Heron said they would donate books to the school which their children have read and enjoyed.

Teachers enjoy taking pupils on various visits out of school to enhance their educational experiences, however, the cost of transport is very expensive. Mrs Mazzoni explained to the group that she would not want these visits to stop because of financial restrictions and although Mrs Mazzoni has never asked parents to contribute to the cost, she may have to ask parents to make a small contribution in the future.

The cost of the buses for the summer day trip was £1400.00.

The parent group suggested a fun day rather than a trip out of the school. The nursery had a fun day at the end of term with a Playbus, animals and rides which the older children in the school enjoyed. This is an idea which may be considered after investigating costs.

- **Disco**

A disco has been arranged for Thursday 19 September for the whole school and Mrs McAllister asked for volunteers to come along and help. Everyone is looking forward to welcoming the Primary 1's to their first disco.

Mrs Donlon and Mrs Crangle said they would love the children to have a Halloween disco. Mrs Mazzoni agreed. There would be rules for health and safety reasons. No masks or weapons. Everyone agreed and it was arranged that there will be a Halloween disco on the evening of Wednesday 30 October in the school. On Thursday 31 October there will be class Halloween parties held in the school. The children will not be dressing up that day as they will have had their disco the night before. They will be taking part in a Halloween activity (making a Halloween mask) and enjoy traditional party games and treats.

Dates for the family Christmas party and a fish & chip movie night will be arranged in the near future.

- **AOB**

Mrs Donlon suggested having a car boot sale to raise funds. Parents do not need to own a car as they can pay to have a table in the gym hall. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

- **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 9 October 2019 6pm