

Parent council meeting 20/03/2024

In Attendance

Mrs. Gibney, Laura Syme, Lorraine Brown, Hollie Hampsay and Maureen Lynn.

Apologies

Lorraine Poole, Yvonne McAllister, Pamela Lingard, Karen Reilly and Amanda Reynolds.

Items Discussed

Let booking and insurance

Parent council made aware of parameters surrounding the booking of the let to hold parent council meetings in. Still to find out:-

- a) Are let bookings required within school hours, as previously not required?
- b) If bookings will now be required within school hours, will these have to be paid for by the parent council in the same manner that an evening let must be?

Mrs Gibney will speak to Kevin and obtain clarification on this and inform the Parent Council.

Depute Head Teacher Report

- The second lot of primary 6 high school visits have taken place. It went really well, the children found it a positive experience and one in which they displayed great confidence.
- Primary 7 Masterclasses are upcoming. Giving children the opportunity to go up to the highschool and get a taste of some of the subjects. P7 pupils are excited and keen.
- Primary 6 Lochgoilhead Residential visit was thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff.
- Primary 7 Hoodies arrived, being organised and will be distributed to the pupils tomorrow. School managed to broker a good deal with the supplier.
- Primary 7 Prom: Children are being asked for their input and collation of that information will determine decor, food and music for the prom. Parents and Carers of p7s will meet on the 22nd of April at Woodlands to form a committee to assist with the planning and decorating of the hall for the prom. School will run the event with any parent/carer who wishes to help. Parent Council will donate, either monetary or a service depending on feedback.
- Organising a family workshop event that will include Key Partners, such as Educational Psychology and Place2be. It is called "Our Families" and will take place on Thursday 18th April. A Creche with a movie and snacks will be available for the children while

parents do the 20 minute workshops they sign up for. The aim is provide parents/carers with the information on services available there to support and help children.

- Primary 2s and 3s have their Easter bonnet parade next friday. Family welcome to the assembly.

Fundraising

- There is concern that there are not enough people to support fundraising.
- Treasurer has nothing to report beyond one let payment. The amount of which is £24.50 and is paid from Parent Council funds for all meetings and discos up until now, outside of school hours, but going forward could be payable for all meetings regardless of time of the day as stated above. It is a flat fee, not an hourly one.
- May Fayre is not an option due to lack of personnel, coupled with the poor outcome previously. There is also not enough time at this point to plan and prepare for next month.
- Best way to raise funds is with events within the school day, with enough notice given for pupils and parents who wish to attend. This also enables dinner ladies to help, who have food hygiene certificates to allow food to be an option.
- Parent council really needs more parents/carers to attend. Alongside this, willing to assist with events set up and delivery.
- View to revisit smaller events, such as hampers and raffles. Permission to allow p7 to go class to class selling raffle tickets as they used to. Acknowledgement that the bake sales have always been successful and brought good engagement, they will continue.
- Consideration for an adults only event, e.g a bingo evening. A door fee could be applied using raffle tickets for entry, along with bingo winnings for an overall prize. This could also be advertised both within school and school communications, alongside local establishments to promote and open up attendance to the local community and not just WPS Parents/Carers.
- The selling of hampers via raffles is also a useful fundraising method. Hampers could be themed to the time of year, special events or sporadically throughout the year. Ensuring advanced notice is given is essential as providing on the day at events without does not seem to yield the same results.
- Clarification needed about what is permissible during the school day by the Parent Council to assist plan making for future fundraising.
- Own clothes day is problematic as school reports attendance drops when there is an Own Clothes Day.
- Additional suggestions include; Summer barbeque night, Outdoor Cinema, Pizza night and a Beetle Drive or other games evenings.

Next Parent Council Meeting:

To be confirmed. Date will be published via parent council Facebook page and school wide message on the SeeSaw App.

