

St Peter's Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 March 2017
7pm

Present

Mrs S Mazzone Head Teacher
Mrs G Tannahill Clerk
Mrs L Wakeling Parent Member
Mrs M Connick Treasurer
Mrs S O'Donnell Parent Member
Mrs K McAllister Secretary

- **Welcome**

Mrs Wakeling welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

- **Actions from last meeting**
- **Stage Curtains**

Mrs Tannahill had obtained another quote and the price was more favourable although still considerably expensive. £5,350.75. Everyone agreed it would be great to have the curtains installed by Christmas this year for the Nativity and school show, however the parent group had planned to fundraise for the curtains over a two year period. Mrs Mazzone had previously indicated that the school may be able to contribute to the purchase. Mrs Mazzone informed the group the school budget had not been downloaded yet and was unable to say whether this would be an option, however she will keep the group well informed. Mrs Mazzone will contact Ian Thomson, Education Officer, who has been dealing with a new build school recently, and ask him if he has a contact with school stage curtains suppliers. Mrs Tannahill will check the supplier of the quote she received is on the council purchasing centre. If so, this will save paying VAT.

- **Treasurers Report**

Mrs Connick reported the balance in the bank account is £2377.00. There will be a withdrawal of 143.55 for the purchase of the Secondary School ties the parents are going to present to the Primary 7 leavers.

- **Forthcoming Events**

Primary 7 parents have been very busy meeting and planning for the children's leavers dance. Mrs Mazzoni attended the last planning meeting and said that the event has been well organised and the children's wishes have been taken into consideration.

The last movie club had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance. Mrs Wakeling said she could not be sure of the reasons why. There is a movie club planned for Friday 2 June at 4pm. Mrs Mazzoni suggested she could speak to the children and get some suggestions and ideas about which movies they would like to see.

The "Spring Fling" was a great success and raised over £400. Although the parent group had sent home a "save the date" letter before the Easter break it was suggested next year there be another letter reminding parents and children of the event. There seemed to be a number of pupils who did not know about the event until the day it was being held. Mrs Mazzoni asked the parents if they would like to visit classrooms the day before an event to remind the children and let them know what's on offer and how much money they need to bring.

A ladies night had been suggested at the last meeting and the group wanted to arrange a firm date. There was a great discussion with lots of good ideas. A ladies evening has been planned for Friday 25 August 2017 in the Blacklandmill Bowling Club. Mrs Wakeling is going to ask Mrs Lynch if she will print posters and tickets for the event. Mrs Tannahill will contact a local DJ to find out if he would be available.

- **Head Teachers Report**

Mrs Mazzoni had explained the plans the school had for the Pupil Equity Fund at the last meeting. St Peter's will have two new members of staff in place for the new term starting August 2017. There are several classroom assistant vacancies currently being advertised across Renfrewshire establishments. There will be vacancies advertised for the role of a Social Inclusion Support Officer in the near future, this is a new role which was created from the benefit of the Pupil Equity Fund. There will be interviews taking place at Renfrewshire House next week and Mrs Mazzoni and Mrs Lawson will be involved.

Mrs Mazzoni informed the group there were Assessments being carried out in the school at the moment and a computer suite had been created in the AV Room for this purpose of carrying out standardised assessments in Language and Maths. The Local Authority have funded the assessments and have asked school to assess children in Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 7. Mrs Mazzoni explained that St Peter's children in every stage are being assessed. This was a decision staff made last year and all stages were assessed then also. Staff will be able to compare

scores from last year and with their professional judgement will be able to inform parents of their child's progress.

Mrs Mackenzie will continue as Acting Head Teacher at St David's Primary School until the end of June. Mrs Mazzoni will keep the parent forum informed of any staff changes as they arise.

- **Any Other Business**

Mrs O'Donnell commented on the recent netball match between staff and pupils. She thought the girls netball kit looked very smart, however some of the kit needs to be adjusted according to the girls sizes. Mrs Maclean, Acting Principle Teacher, said she would seek the help of Mrs Edgar, parent in the school, who helps Mrs Maclean with the costumes for her drama group. A few parent supporters were there cheering everyone on and Mrs O'Donnell thought the Parent Council may be able to help make the annual event bigger. She suggested parents could join in the game along with staff, and invite the larger parent forum along. Mrs Mazzoni agreed it was a good idea and commented on the good community spirit of the school.

- **Date of Next Meeting**

The parents will arrange an informal meeting in the near future to discuss plans for the August 2017/June2018 term.