**St Peter’s Parent Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 7 March 2018**

**7pm**

**Present Apologies**

**Mrs Mazzoni Head Teacher Mr Doherty Parent**

**Mrs Tannahill Clerk Ms Thomson Parent**

**Mrs O’Donnell Parent**

**Mrs Baillie Parent**

**Mrs McAllister Treasurer/Vice Chair**

**Mrs Jackson Parent**

**Mrs Wakeling Chair**

* **Welcome**

Mrs Wakeling welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

* **Finance**

Mrs McAllister reported the bank balance to be £2597.50. The parents are providing Easter eggs for all of the children and a secondary school tie for the current Primary 7. The group will also be contributing £10.00 for each Primary 7 pupil towards their leavers disco.

After a discussion the group agreed to donate a further £1500 to the school for the stage curtains. In total the parents have contributed £3500 towards the curtains.

Mrs Eck, P7 parent, currently deals with the Parent Council banking on the internet. The group had a discussion about who would deal with the banking when Mrs Eck ceased to be a parent at the school. There are other signatories within the group and everyone agreed Mrs Eck should conduct a handover before the end of June 2018 with the person who would take this role on for the future. Mrs McAllister will arrange to renew the Lottery Licence which is essential to the Parent Council as it is required for tombola’s, bingo, raffles etc.

* **Curtain Update**

The company who is to install the stage curtains need to find out what lies above the ceiling before they start the installation. Mrs Mazzoni contacted Ian Thomson, education manager, who manages school estates and was involved with the refurbishment of the school a few years ago. Information has been passed to the company and they are now in a position to arrange the installation.

* **Head Teacher updates**

Mrs Mazzoni informed the group that the implementation of the new Scottish

Government assessments, SNSA, will take place in May for the Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 7. Mrs Mazzoni explained that St Peter’s will continue with GL Testing at all stages to keep track of the children’s learning progress. Both assessments will be done on line and the results will be sent to the Local Authority which will then be submitted to the Scottish Government. Mrs Mazzoni and Mrs Lawson regularly meet with class teachers for updates on children’s tracking. Teachers professional judgement is based on work and evidence over the year and is considered by the local authority to be very important as teachers can give a wide picture on individual children’s learning progress.

The school received a call from a parent who wished Mrs Mazzoni to take a complaint to the Parent Council. The parent wanted to complain about the children dressing up on World Book Day. She thought it was too much trouble and expense for families to buy costumes for their children. Mrs Mazzoni was not expecting parents to buy costumes from shops and was focused on the children thinking about their favourite character from their favourite book. The parent group thought parents would use items from home and also would not expect parents to go to any expense. The Parent Council noted the complaint and stated World Book Day will go ahead on Friday 16 March.

Mrs Mazzoni is in favour of the parents Face Book page, however a recent post by a parent was brought to her attention by a staff member. A staff member from the school was mentioned by name on the post. Comments followed and were considered to be inappropriate. Staff members should not be named on Face Book posts and rather than contacting Renfrewshire Council Legal Services, Mrs Mazzoni contacted the parents involved and sensitively dealt with the situation. Mrs Mazzoni reiterated parents should be mindful about what they post on Face Book and if they have any concerns about their children they should contact the school. Administrators will closely monitor activity on the Face Book page.

* **Plans for future events – Spring Fling and Ladies Night**

After discussion the date was set for the Spring Fling to take place on 18 May 2018 3.30 – 5pm and the Ladies night will take place on 1st June 2018 at Blacklandmill Bowling Club. The last movie Night of the school year will take place on 27 April 2018.

* **Improvement Playground Project**

It is the Parent Council’s intention to improve St Peter’s playgrounds. An invitation to attend a meeting in the school on 20 February 2018 was extended to the Parent Forum. Laura Devine from Stronger Communities attended the meeting and was very informative and gave the group lots of information about local groups who would help with the labour involved in regenerating the playground. There are community volunteers to build playground games such as draught pieces made from wood. Wooden toadstools for a nature trail. Bird tables, bird feeders. Other ideas from the meeting were cycle tracks, sensory areas including musical instruments. There was a discussion about having private access to the multipurpose play area very near the playground, however this needs to be upgraded as it seems to be in poor repair.

There were lots of great ideas discussed and every one left the meeting with a task. Mrs Mazzoni was encouraged and said that she wanted the improvements to have a huge impact on the children. The group will meet again in the near future and everyone from the Parent Forum will be invited to come along.

* **50/50 Draw**

This has been postponed and will be drawn in the very near future.

* **AOB**

Mrs O’Donnell commented on the snow that is blocking half of the road on Braehead Road outside the school. She wondered if it had caused problems gaining access to the school. No one had complained to the school about it. Mrs O’Donnell had seen workmen clearing the snow away from the school the previous weekend but they did not come back to clear it from the road. It is now slowly but surely melting.

* **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 24 April 2018