**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**ALLOWAY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

**24 April 2023**

Attendance

Fiona Meney, Lauren Miller, Laura Cameron, Catriona Andrews, Emma Jamieson, Janine Leonard, Kasia Munro, Claire Campbell, Julie Grant, Michelle Gass.

Head Teachers Report

It has been a busy Term 3. Parents have been in school for workforce week showing superb support. There was no work fayre as planned as businesses couldn’t spare the bodies away from desks this year.

The Easter service was super, especially as we had music back, the bands have been built back up really quickly and it was great to see.

Shared learning visits for the quality assurance has recently taken place in school. Staff went into other classes and completed pre prepared questions then discussed the outcomes and on finishing, noted what they took away from the lesson and left a piece of advice for the teacher being visited.

The quality assurance work this term is on pupil focus groups. How do pupils feel in school, about lessons, etc. Every year group will be included and have a list of questions.

Teachers are writing report cards just now still in the agreed format previously used as the LA is changing the overall format next session. Parents night will be held on 1/6/23 in house and we will use a new online booking system, details to follow.

There is a Staff working party looking at planning, tracking and assessing approaches. Staff are leading this under the direction of Mrs Meney., School will pilot this as it is the first year and any tweaks can then be made as it is added to the school improvement plan.

The upper department school show is coming along. The stage is up, instruments and music and coming together, staff have written it themselves this year! The tuck shop and ice cream will be sold by the PTA and Mrs Meney will check what numbers there were at previous shows. The PTA normally supplies cheaper ice lollies for the performers to have backstage.

There are some super outings to look forward to this term, the Titanic P5 trip, The P7 Inverclyde trip and a new P6 trip to the tree tops trials and carte stacking Craufurdland Estate, Kilmarnock.

APS is currently awaiting their new budget as are the other schools. PTA to transfer a sum of money to school fund to enable school to pay deposits for up-and-coming events like panto deposits, etc, which are required in advance to secure booking.

The new School Improvement Plan is being created and Mrs Meney asked if a group of parents could help maybe beg June time to have a look over it with them, this could be as many parents as are interested and will take place on Tuesday 20 June am after drop off, at school.

Mrs Meney is delighted that the PTA is paying for 2 alpacas to attend the Fayre and is keen that all kids will get to see them in some shape or form should they wish to.

The £246 the coronation tea towel event raised will cover the £175 charge for the alpacas.

Mrs Meney asked if at out final meeting of this session, could she have a note of next year’s meeting dates so they could be included in the school calendar which will go out to parents.

Mrs Meney is considering restarting some of the schools sponsored fund raising events again to boost funds to help with the cost of trips, especially as the price of busses really high. There have been a couple of concerns re costs of trips. Mrs Meney is, as always happy to support families and would urge families to get in contact if they need to.

EYC - Mrs Miller

The recent flip fest was a great success and school hopes there is more fun activities to follow, Mrs Miller is meeting Caitlin to see what else is available.

The EYC Easter show was super.

School is awaiting the list of new incoming P1’s. Our current EYC kids are have been to see P1 and Alloway hope to visit the new P1’s coming from other nurseries.

Wednesday 24 May is parent induction evening at Alloway. The PTA is welcome to attend with a stand, to provide free coffee and chat at 6pm.

School fayre details to be added to the letters going out re new P1’s so new kids can attend should they want to and Claire Campbell offered to do a talk re what PTA does, etc.

Janine will revamp PTA leaflet which hasn’t been updated in years.

Julie will do stall advertising what we have done in past, where money goes, etc.

A Notice board will be re-considered for front office area with PTA details, events on display.

Nurture support training has been taking place within EYC.

The evening stay & play had lower numbers, but for them who can’t do day visits, it was super so there will be another one held on 1/6/23.

Mrs Miller is keen to have a mini-Graduation for EYC and PTA offered to make the robes if the school if able to buy the material and the mortar board hats. It will be held on 21/6/23 & the PTA will buy ties for all the new P1’s if Mrs Miller could confirm schools and numbers required.

School uniform rail continues to be in the library and Gillian, librarian, will keep it restocked over the summer holidays and a new rail will be added with new stock when she feels it is required. Will now also take shoes if they are in good condition.

Chair Report

Wellies & waterproof rail will make a comeback for a spell at library.

The Trim trail has been costed at £12,000 - £13, 000 if done in one stage which makes better value for money but it was suggested we look at costs for stages to see if more feasible even if more expensive in the long run.

Julie has applied for two grants meantime requesting £1,000 from each towards the trim trail.

The feedback re Tempest is in & Laura will make an appointment with George to discuss issues raised.

For the Summer picnic, PTA will supply ice lollies and P7 gifts this year will be ties for new secondary schools, no photos this year. Numbers can be obtained from Jackie in school office and if on the last Mon in June 26/6, a member of the PTA could attend and present to kids if possible.

Fundraising

Pro Soccer have sponsored the summer fayre £300 and we will put their details onto posters etc to advertise in return.

Corum will supply a raffle prize

Nothing as yet from Brig O’Doon, no reply to e mails

Raffle will have around 10 big prizes drawn and given out on the day and the rest will be drawn then winners phoned to collect from office.

We will send 2 books home but a note to please ret any spares, esp. if multi siblings in school as we can sell on day too.

Around 10 external tables,

1 Tropic to confirm with Ainsley Laurence

2 Body shop Laura Donald

3 Baby to teen charity

4 Another charity

5 Ayr School of music

6 Brooke Stewart if ok to use staff room fridge?

7 GG, Madhu & Chris – joint stall

8 Pro Soccer stall

9 School Bows

10 Crafts

11 Candles

Charging £15 per table and a donation to raffle (not applicable for charity tables)

Games will include

Beat the wire

Nerf game

Hook a duck

Whack a rat

Marshmallow/pink pong/bean bag putt

Spin the wheel

A prize card will be given, stamped when successful and then depending on number of stamps, a prize can be collected to that value when finished. How do we manage stamps, office can print cards & PTA to gets stamper.

Kids of PTA members present to do appeal for help as we need volunteers and a digital signup sheet will follow soon.

Door fee £2 pp & under 3’s free or family for £10, HT to use discression.

The Risk assessment is being pulled together for everything except the ice cream which has its own.

Safety goggles can be provided by school for the Nerf Game.

Gregor, (Cats nephew) will to do beat the goalie, and perhaps others, e.g. Mr Hall, Kevin Gribben, Cambusdoon (who could also be offered a stall)?

Flip fest APS gymnastic show, maybe school choir, maybe highland dancing, will perform around 12 noon which is the half way point.

Pupil council & P7 to do bring & buy stall

Ok to drop donations at office to be put on stage for collection.

Book fair will be on same time as parents evening 1/6/23, delivery will hopefully be moved from 25 May to 22 May so kids can see it prior to parents coming in on the night and buying.

Banner in shed to go up week before Fayre

Ask any wee shops if they could donate any small prizes for prize table?

Baking table, Cat to make nice table cover, kids can make alpaca cupcakes, Empire biscuits being provided, cupcakes, fruit loaves, etc

Plant table to be considered, Julie to see if Wilco will donate seeds?

AOCB

Xmas books for infants have been purchased and are in cupboard next to office for wrapping.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

31/5/23 at 6pm in APS.

YELLOW – DATES FOR DIARY

GREEN – TO DO