

**AGM MINUTES OF MEETING
ALLOWAY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL
7 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Attendance

Michelle Gass, Laura Cameron, Julie Grant, Catriona Edgar, Fiona Meney, Claire Campbell, Andrew & Autumn Billick, Louise Drennan, Janine Leonard

Apologies

Lauren Miller, Kerry Simpson

Minutes of last meeting

Read and approved.

Matters arising

No matter arising from last minutes.

Chair Report

Laura thanked the Parent Council for their huge effort slotting this work in with their daily lives. We have made new friends and gained new skills, it is a small group but we all ensure no child misses out. The children enjoyed lots of our events, the community has come together and the money raised makes the hard work worthwhile. We have achieved a lot, we have tried to get new members, Janine is thanked for transforming the way we do it, we have updated admin, cleared & repaired the shed, given the me to you outfits, put on the Xmas movie night and only charged snacks, we bought and wrapped Xmas books for the infants, did the Xmas for schools gifts, raise half of the cost of panto buses, attended extracurricular nights with refreshments, put on valentines discos and only charged a donation, did coronation designs, put on a summer fayre which took months of organisation, was amazing to see and a super amount of money was made. We provided Ice Cream and alpacas at the summer picnic, ice lollies at the school show, tempest photos, and easy fundraising dripped away in the background.

Over £8000 was in the bank account at the end of year but we face the same problems this year which is that we need to be supported by parents, encourage others to join our group as we worry the workload will burn out current members and take away their joy of helping. More people are needed to keep the events going and to make light work so we hope to build up numbers, recruit, display a notice board, be approachable, encourage others to join in even if it is only a little as anything will help.

Financial Report

22/23 end figure was £8551.52, still to come off is the book fair £701, and a few uncashed cheques which will leave £7668, this is a lot of funds to we should use it wisely. The good earners were the summer fayre which raised around £6000, and the easy fundraising raised £1100, we should continue to push this in WhatsApp groups etc as it takes little effort, lets target and sign up new EYC and P1 parents. We can continue to support the school by committing funds towards the to school panto bus, £1000 donation and the Xmas party

snacks. Group should decide what's right for this year re spends, figures are available for anyone who wishes to see them, they have been audited and there was nothing to report.

Elections of new positions

CHAIR Laura Cameron was proposed by CA and seconded by CC

VICE CHAIR Catriona Edgar was proposed by Laura Cameron and seconded by Claire Campbell

TREASURER Claire Campbell was proposed by LC and seconded by JS

SECRETARY Michelle Gass was proposed by Claire Campbell and seconded by CA

FUNDRAISER Julie Grant was proposed by Laura Campbell and seconded by Catriona Edgar
These positions are for the year 2023/24.

Positions are the same for a second year running, normally held for a maximum of 3 years but can be extended to a maximum of 5 (in the same roll).

Plans to add "and carers" where appropriate to constitution and submit to council for approval.

Head Teachers Report

Thanks, on behalf of the school to the PTA who have work hard and well with the school to help them drive forward and be supported. The PTA have helped by attending meetings, consulting on policies, and have been very helpful. The summer fayre was such a highlight and it was a great return from covid, seeing the kids back at events. PTA worked hard on top of their family life and other activities, etc.

They can have a stall at the open afternoon to recruit and advertise & at the extracurricular evenings and indeed any other events to help get the word out.

The school work on 2 documents in June, the standard & qualities report (which refers to the last session) and the school improvement plan (which refers to the next sessions) Both are on the school website and are a legal requirement to be displayed by mid Sept, which they have been. For the period 23/25 all staff have signed up to the improvement plan which will be updated digitally. The main priorities are, literacy, the wider community, numeracy and health & wellbeing. Our progress will be updated by adding pics/videos, etc to show the work being completed.

No 1 in each is referring to the EYC.

Literacy – raise attainment, maintain consistently high standards of all children's experiences, planning, consistency, assessment.

Numeracy – very much a mirror of Literacy.

Heath & Wellbeing – develop children to their full potential, be inclusive, develop resilience, etc. Focus on nurture work in EYC. Look at planning, nurturing approaches including a new calm room, looking at attendance more. Rights Respecting School, we are a gold standard school and this lasts for 3 years and will be reassessed around term 3 of this year when we hope to retain our gold. It is also a legal requirement. The school continues to look at poverty related attainment gaps, no child should be disadvantaged and this will be a focus. We will look at value and visions across the year and refresh.

Wider practices, develop skills for working, EYC looking at their garden, interdisciplinary learning (topics), using all skills and methods instead of focusing on the one thing. Planning in other areas, science, arts, RME, music, etc.

The national refresh curriculum, we hope to have responsible, developed, experienced children. We will listen to our children's voices, the school has now 1 new I pad in every class to be used for the learning journals by both the teachers and the children.

It will be updated at the end of year 1 allowing us to see what work we still have to do in year 2.

Fundraising

An application for £3000 for food growing supplies for our EYC garden was rejected recently but as we have been given this grant before that might be why.

Julie will resubmit our application for Tesco funding, for "garden works" as there are 3 grants of £500, £1000, £1500 available from them.

Mitie grant of £5000 has been applied for by Mrs Millar.

Objectives – the trim trail is really expensive, lots more than we expected.

The schools sound system is in desperate need of renewal so Mrs Meney will price and this might be our first focus.

We will reach out to parents in case anyone is able to help by having connections in this industry.

We will help with the panto bus, parties, etc as normal.

The welcome back disco is being booked and west coast castles will do the music again. We hope to trial an event bright type company for perm slips, tickets, payments, etc and a poster to go out asap as disco is 2 weeks yesterday a snack will be included in the ticket price of £3 per head.

The movie night in October will have to be followed up as Iris haven't been responding.

The Xmas gift packs are due anytime, we are trying a new company this year to enable us to look at different types of gifts and this will be tied into lesson plans soon to keep us ahead of the game.

Xmas event to be held around 27/11/23, we still need to decide what to do and when to hold it, midweek, weekend? Crafts after school, Lapland Alloway style, Polar express night, (pj's, story, borrow the BB sleigh, hot choc) then work on tickets, costs, etc?

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None raised.

Date & Time of Next Meeting - 9 October 2023 at APS, 6 pm.