



Parent Council Meeting
Date: Monday 25th March 2024

Attendees:

Apologies:

<p>Fiona Meney - Head Teacher Lauren Miller - Deputy Head Teacher Catriona Andrews - Vice Chair Julie Grant - Fundraising Convenor Janine Leonard</p>	<p>Laura Cameron - Chair Michelle Gass - Secretary Claire Campbell - Treasurer Kerry Simpson Aiden Hogarth Emma Jamieson Kasia Munro Krzysztofa Krawczye Kerry Simpson</p>
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Discussion Point/Topic:	Actioned by:
<p><u>Head Teachers Report</u></p> <p>Beat the Street Mrs Meney advised that participation was high and very popular amongst the community. The school came second.</p> <p>New assembly format Working very well</p> <p>Rights Respecting Schools The school doesn't have the grade level yet, but it should hopefully come through after the Easter break.</p> <p>Transitions Transitions for P1 and P7 underway. Induction night for P1 parents happening on the 21st May. Mrs Meney requested that parent council members are present to serve tea and coffee in the infant department.</p>	<p>Parent Council</p>

Mrs Meney to confirm numbers of P1 and P7 ties. Parent council to then purchase.

Online Planning

Mrs Meney and Mrs Stewart were asked to present online planning to other South Ayrshire schools. It was well received.

Quality Assurance

Peer observation visits have taken place. Mrs Meney about to start working through the feedback.

Mission and Values

Confirmed that following consultation process with parents, staff and pupils the new school values will be:

Kind, Respectful, Inclusive and Safe.

The new mission will be:

To provide a safe, happy, purposeful and nurturing learning environment where children, staff, parents and visitors feel valued and respected. Everyone in our school is supported to reach their full potential by working together to promote kindness, inclusion and resilience.

Parents Portal

Parents portal going live in South Ayrshire at the end of April. This should hopefully streamline things for parents going forward as Parent Pay, Learning Journals updates etc will all go through it.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

Visitors from the council and Education Scotland came out to visit the school and examine how the PEF budget is being used. The budget for Alloway is £18,000. The school leadership team showed officials how they are using the funding to try and reduce the poverty related attainment gap. They also showed examples of further work such as trying to keep the cost of the school day down and initiatives such as the uniform recycle rail.

PEF is expected to stop in April 2026. Mrs Meney proposed using this year's budget to get 23 hours with an additional school

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assistant, purchase 2 new laptops and help contribute towards the cost of school trips.

Parents Survey

All very positive - the school received 37 responses from parents. Parents feel that children are happy and safe and Alloway Primary.

- 94% are satisfied with the school
- 84% feel that their child gets the help they need
- 85% happy with the quality of teaching
- 88% advised that their child hasn't experienced any bullying or that the school deals with any bullying well.

There was some feedback that Mrs Meney will review regarding communication from the school, teaching methodologies, anti bullying messaging and homework.

The parent council also received feedback regarding encouraging too many treats at events, such as the Cinema night. Parent council agreed that they will use wording for future events encouraging children to 'bring their own snacks'. Parent council also received a question from 1 parent about the TrimTrail. Parent Council will ensure future communications make it clear that the need for the Sound System was greater at this time.

South Ayrshire Reads

South Ayrshire Reads strategy will be implemented in Alloway Primary next year. The school will also be receiving new reading books.

Ayrshire Music Festival

Mrs Meney shared a letter regarding the Ayrshire Music Festival with the parent council. Discussed that Mrs Herbet will be taking music in school. Mrs Meney thanked the parent council for the purchase of new instruments.

Mite Funding

Mite funding available for up to £5,000 so the school will apply for that.

Active Schools

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<p>Mrs Meney advised that Active Schools/extra curricular activities were enjoyed by the children. She thanked the staff and parents leading these. In term 4 the school will look for different opportunities for the children.</p> <p>Early Years Centre Mrs Miller gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff has been busy visiting other EYC centers around the authority to share and learn good practice. • Nicola Crawford running PEEP sessions this term. • Another church stay and play session has been organised for the 26th June • On May 30th, the EYC will run a late stay and play session. • EYC induction will take place at 0930 on Monday 3rd June. Mrs Miller requested that the parent council do a presentation and offer teas and coffees to parents. <p>School Show Mrs Meney confirmed that the school show will take place on 5th and 6th of June. She invited the parent council to run a tuck shop again and asked for the parent council to provide ice lollies for the children after their performances.</p> <p>Summer Celebration Will be taking place on the 7th June. Mrs Meney asked the parent council to provide entertainment for this.</p> <p>Sports Day Sports day will be on 10th June. Mrs Meney invited the parent council to sell refreshments at this event again. Alternative date for Sports Day is 13th June.</p> <p>Parent Evening Parent evening on 30th May. Agreed that the Parent Council would run the book fair at this event.</p>	<p>Parent Council</p> <p>Parent Council</p> <p>Parent Council</p> <p>Parent Council</p> <p>Parent Council</p>
<p>Sound System Mrs Meney talked through quotes to replace school system, which was shared with the parent council before the meeting.</p>	<p>Parent Council to transfer the funds to the school</p>

<p>The parent council agreed to sign off quote for £4809.49 and wall mount for £1500.</p>	
<p>Summer Fair Parent council confirmed that they will not be doing a Summer Fair this year. They have struggled with parent volunteers for the last two fairs.</p>	
<p>Future Parent Council events Discussed the possibility of a Halloween event and/or a family quiz night. Mrs Meney to look at the diary and see what availability there is for the school let.</p>	<p>Mrs Meney</p>