

**AGM MINUTES OF MEETING
ALLOWAY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL
3 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Attendance

Michelle Gass, Laura Cameron, Julie Grant, Catriona Andrews, Fiona Meney, Claire Campbell, Janine Leonard, Kasia Munro, Susan Steele, Zoe Fance, Ainsleah Wilson

Apologies

Lauren Miller, Kirsty Rae, Emma O'Neil, Lisa Thomson

Minutes of last meeting

Read and approved.

Matters arising

No matters arising from last minutes.

Chair Report

Our main objective was to purchase a sound system for the whole school to enjoy and this was achieved in time for the school show!

We also funded the xmas party food, Christmas gifts, panto busses, P7 leavers ties, EYC garden supplies, 15 ukuleles, gold and blue sweetie bags for the celebration fun day & ice lollies for the show performers.

We held a welcome back disco with a new online booking system which worked well.

The Festive fun day raised around £5500 and was the biggest earner, also the tuck shops & easy fundraising.

We worked with The Night before Xmas campaign and liaised with the LA and parents re school lunch issues and dog fouling in the area.

We showcased ourselves at school events, provided tea and coffee and information.

The book fair raised over £1000 for new books in school.

We held monthly PTA meetings and had enough volunteers at most of our events apart from the big xmas fun day. We gained some new members this year and held events with the rising cost of the school day in mind such as the free movie night where kids got to bring their own snacks.

We have around £6000 currently in the bank.

Laura thanked everyone, she has been in the PTA since 2019, firstly helping with fundraising then as chair, she advised she was standing down this year as chair but will still help out

when possible. She thanked Fiona and school staff for all their work and for having our children's best interests at heart, she thanked the rest of the office bearers for their help & support and also thanked the rest of the team. Laura appreciated everyone helps when they can and emphasised that help of any kind is always welcome

Financial Report

We started off this year with £8551 in the bank and ended with £6784.

We raised £13500 and spent £15300. Just over £10000 was raised by our activities.

Easy fundraising however is down £1000 on last year and doesn't cost us anything.

The Xmas fayre was £2000 lower than the summer but that can be the case.

The Summer activities came out at a small loss but that was to be expected as we did donations and free events. Our main spend was the sound system.

Lucinda has xmas books to wrap which we will keep for 2026 as they are the same as the ones we used last year.

Elections of new positions

CHAIR Catriona Andrews was proposed by Laura Cameron and seconded by Julie Grant

VICE CHAIR Kasia Munro was proposed by Laura Cameron and seconded by Catriona Andrews

TREASURER Claire Campbell was proposed by Laura Cameron and seconded by Kasia Munro

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

FUNDRAISER Janine Leonard was proposed by Laura Campbell and seconded by Claire Campbell

These positions are for the year 2024/25.

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

The Constitution was passed around and will soon be submitted to Council.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs Meney presented flowers to Laura & Julie from the school and thanked them for all their hard work.

The new sound system was super and such a benefit to the school show and other events.

Taking the cost of the school day is a great movement for PTA to have made and hopefully the new group will continue this great work and doing what's best for the children.

The Standard & Quality Report is on the website, it is a report about the school and what has been done in the last year, it is a legal requirement.

The School Improvement Plan is also on the website, it is a report on what the school wants to do this year, it is also a legal requirement.

It has 3 main objectives-

South Ayrshire Reads, we are starting this year (year 2) with the science of reading approach, information on this will be issued to parents soon.

The team will train our staff, we dipped into it last year, Lisa Stewart is our school lead and has all our books in ready to go. Forehill PS & Grammar PS are our link in schools and we will do our training together with them in our respective class years. There will be opportunities for parents to do a workshop with us then come into school and join in the classrooms. The in-school library has been cleared out of old books and we will spend the book fair vouchers soon to help restock it. EYC is included in this as well.

Pedagogy, Mrs Meney has drawn up Alloway PS expectations with staff. They are in displayed in every class so teachers know what they are expected to cover to help provide consistency across the board, in each class and with all teachers, permanent, cover, etc. Staff meetings will focus on this and we will look at professional learning, outdoor, play, numbers, etc.

We are supporting the new South Ayrshire Council attendance campaign, "Every Learner, Every Day." We will promote attendance. It has been proven that better primary attendance sets children up for better Secondary attendance. It will not target sickness but try to look at any other reasons, what are they and if/how the school might be able to provide support. Mrs Park our principal teacher will lead this.

Staff will be exploring "The Promise" for children who are or have had an experience of care to ensure all children's needs are met.

Mrs Meney ended with this quote she shared with her staff recently-

"To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect you just have to care".

The school is expecting HMIE for a school inspection and Mrs Meney will pass on when notification is received.

On 25 & 26 September we are having a Collaborative Improvement Visit, the LA will send in a team of 4 for these 2 days and their findings will be reported and then shared with Mrs Meney .

Mrs Meney shared the school's vision & values and has ordered stickers to be given out to children when they champion these.

Fundraising

The group will consider additions for sound system in future as a pull down screen etc would be nice but Mrs Meney suggested some outdoor items and some digital tech might be of more benefit this year. Catriona suggested that some money could be spent on

experiences as well. Mrs Meney has a bid in with Mitie for some outdoor items but the monies have not been allocated yet. Mrs Meney has been quoted £720 for the panto busses this year and would be grateful if the PTA could cover this cost.

We thought about giving each class a sum of money to give them some ownership as well, they could look at investing, saving, spending, etc

Aldi have a grant of £2500 available for sports goods which we will look at.

Julie advised we can apply for the Tesco fund without the permission of Mitie if the PTA apply instead of the school 1st prize us £1500. She has also seen a grant for £4000 - £6000 which looks easy to complete and will apply for. The Asda one is worth looking into but might not be for Scottish schools.

AOCB

Oct fayre, "Alloween" will be held on 26/10/24 and the group will need help to pull this off. They hope to have both indoor and outdoor activities, if possible, e.g., a walk-through area, A prize table, games or maybe an experience and a one-off charge instead?

Xmas cards etc, need to be in by 23/10/24 or Catriona will look at other companies as this might be tight.

Date & Time of Next Meetings at APS 7-8

1/10/24

25/11/24

28/1/25

10/3/25

7/5/25