

Coylton Primary Parent Council

Annual General Meeting minutes

Wednesday 30th August 2023

Attendance

Lorna McIntyre (Chairperson), Kirsty Murdoch (vice chair), Louise Dempster (treasurer), Lesley Watson (secretary), Fiona Donnelly (headteacher), Donna Docherty (deputy head), Ali Watkins (EYC), Wendy Campbell (Principle teacher), Joanne Neil, Gillian Smillie, Andy Fairie, Holly Armstrong,

Apologies

Shala Montgomery, Anne Kennedy, Bonita, Kyla Wilson, Zoe, Elisa Mackie, Lynsay Murdoch, Gillian Ramsay, Kayleigh Martin, Margaret Howat, Kieran

Previous meeting minutes

Proposed Louise Dempster

Seconded – Gillian Smillie

Chairpersons Report

Lorna thank all member of the council and the teaching and support staff for their continued support and dedication to the school through Parent Council.

Lorna set the following objectives at last years AGM:

- Grow and develop parent and carer participation in the wider school activities as to pre COVID levels.
 - This has been challenging and an area which require further focus in the coming year. The virtual meetings have encouraged new members over the session and I would like to grow this in the coming year.
- Ensure a range of suitable fundraising activities
 - We held a number of fundraisers, including Halloween bouncethan, and around the Christmas period a variety of initiatives including design and order pupil Christmas card, personalised calendars, virtual raffle and in school activities for the children. Whilst running the online lottery throughout the year bringing in a steady income.
- Support and develop wider community initiatives and links to Ayr Academy

- We worked hard to support the Leadership Team to engage with P6 and P7 Parents in a number of ways throughout the year to promote Ayr Academy but numbers of pupils going to the feeder school remain low.
- Within the wider community we had topic specific meeting in January considering Road Safety around the village, with presentations from Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Trailblazers. Councillor Connolly came along and this was very successful to input to the developments at the north of the village. I have contacted Provost Campbell who is keen to attend a meeting of Parent Council this year.
- Following a community meeting in June, we have also agreed to be part a group looking to set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status for the village to allow developments to be strategically co-ordinated and sourced through community funding.

In addition to working on these objectives, this year also saw us celebrate the King's coronation with a lovely full day of activities supported by Parent Council and the village Gala Committee. With Parent Council covering the cost of inflatable fun runs at the activity centre and the gala committee providing each pupil with ice cream and a special momentum of the occasion. Our thanks once again to the Gala Committee for this support.

In addition, Parent Council purchased a new trophy for the annual prize giving in memory of Morris Thompson who sadly and suddenly passed away earlier in the year. This is to recognise and remember the remarkable gentleman who provided an outstanding contribution to the school through his tennis coaching for a great number of years. This will be awarded annually to the pupil who demonstrates the school value of being respectful.

Money raised last year and donated to the school (£5000) at last year's AGM, was used to purchase new reading books and outdoor learning resources, in line with SAC strategy in both these areas which continues in this years Improvement Plan for the school.

In the year ahead I hope the group can continue to raise important funds for the school to fund trips, outings and important resources for the school and support further development of the outdoor areas.

Head Teachers Report

Fiona requested that it be minuted that she wishes to thank the Parent Council for their fantastic support over this last year.

Staffing wise, Mrs Burns currently off ill along with Mrs Gribben both hopefully returning soon. School assistant interviews taking place next week

South Ayrshire Reads going well.

Aiming for Silver Right, Respecting School this year

Teachers working with colleagues in cluster to test and change projects in practice

Fiona asked member to think about what make Coylton the school it is, parent survey to be sent out in due course PC questions can be added.

Outdoor learning bench unfortunately broken over the summer, the owl in memory for Morris Thompson was also moved and damaged. Weeding/gardening in school? Possibly reach out to community projects and local community re helping. Michelle agreed to contact Community Payback Team

School musical show is returning to school in Summer term, just awaiting on venue confirmation.

Lovely having school essential back to pre covid, need to work in encouraging more families back into the building . Survey to find out best time to engage, Learn together topics etc.

Some areas in school recently decorated.

Road works finished and so far hasn't impacted/no backlash reported. School carpark is still closed off at times and only allowed to use with permission and this is still working well

Treasurer's Report

Very successful year, Christmas activities raised £4400, Bouncthon £2700, Lottery £1300 . Bank account sitting healthy balance of £5826.24. Moving across to Bank Of Scotland due to charges with Virgin. Louise to finalise this week

No commission received from Blue deign or Just Jeans this year. Fiona will ask Blue Design as awaiting staff fleece order and Joanne will ask Just Jeans

Give out new leaflets for school lottery and easy fundraising. Lorna to sort flyers

Any other business

It was agreed that Parent Council would donate £5500 to the school. It was also agreed that **ALL** funds donated and raised would be used to benefit both the school and the eyc. Each class will be given budget from PC donation this year to allow then to budget their own activity/trip to encourage developing young workforce

Michelle agreed to contact community payback order department to see about helping to tidy up, weed etc. school grounds

Joanne agreed to develop a newsletter using SWAY

New Office Bearers

Chair persons - Lorna McIntyre and Gillian Smillie

Vice chair persons- Kirsty Murdoch and Holly Armstrong

Treasurer – Louise Dempster

Secretary – Lesley Watson

Social Media – Shala Montgomery

Fundraising – Kayleigh Martin (TBC) and Lesley Watson

Objectives for 2023/24

Get increased parents and other carers into school setting and involved with in-school activities and Parent Council.

Continue fundraising.

Support Village with SCIO set up and developments

Meetings 2023/2024

Monday 18th September 7pm (zoom)

Monday 30th October 7pm (zoom)

Monday 27th November 7pm **in person (community-focus, invite local councillors)**

Monday 22nd January 7pm (zoom)

Monday 18th March 7pm (zoom)

Monday 29th April 7pm (zoom)

Monday 10th June 7pm **in person**