

Doonfoot PS Parent Council Meeting

MINUTES

Location: Virtually via Zoom
Date: Wednesday 1st November 2023
Time: 20:00

In attendance:

Committee: Chairperson – Kirsty Roarty, Co-Chair and P7 Rep – Katie Dillon, Treasurer – Mhairi McCulloch, Secretary and P1 rep – Vivienne Mills

Year Group Representatives:

P5 – Ellie Fisher P6 – Rachel Jesson

School Staff: Headteacher Sarah Flint, Jenn McEwan

Parents: Claire Matthews

Apologies: EYC rep – Claire Cornelius

Agenda Details:

Welcome and introductions – KR

Minutes from previous meeting were agreed.

Actions from last meeting – KR

Foodbank – Massive thank you for all who donated to the recent foodbank collection. Alloway Parish Church were very appreciative.

Clothing Bank – KD advised all that clothing bank and BabytoTeen are one entity. Email has been sent to school regarding referrals. SF has contacted school clothing bank for new families at the school.

KD to speak to Karen Watson at BabytoTeen to clarify clothing bank protocols.

Parent Council to collate donation of other items which may be of benefit to new families.

Bookbags – The school can now start collating all returned book bags and decide how these will be used.

Road Alliance - KR emailed Roads Alliance regarding issues with traffic/parking at drop off and pick up times. Roads Alliance advised they are already in discussions with Mr Baird about same.

Trestle Tables – PC have purchased new trestle tables for use within school for events etc.

Spending of Funds – JM forwarded loose parts equipment information to KR. Still no decision on what funds will be spent on, an update will be provided in January 2024.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Thursday 23rd November. £30 per ticket with all craft items provided however can bring own decorations to make more personal. 18 tickets sold. Closing date Friday 03/11/2023.

PC to coordinate ordering of items needed.

Christmas Fair

Thursday 30th November. £3 entry an adult, kids free. (tea and coffee included) ASN entry 5pm. Finishes 7.30pm.

P7 will be having a waffle stall to subsidise the cost of their leavers hoodies. Mrs Wright aware of same.

PC will be selling hotdogs. Backstreet kitchen also attending to sell food.

SF advised the P4's would like to run some games at the fair and this was agreed.

JM advised the lab assistants would like to run a stall selling previously used Christmas gift bags, unused Christmas cards etc. Funds would go to the PC. This was agreed.

Children in Need is Friday 17/11/2023 so chocolate donation/dress down day for fair will be moved to Friday 10/11/2023.

Further discussion is required around a stall selling small pre-wrapped gifts for parents which children can purchase.

NBCC

Night Before Christmas Campaign launches on Monday 6/11/2023 with all bags to be made up by 08/12/2023. KD coordinating with class reps assistance. Elf will be at school 13/12/2023 to collect bags.

This year the red gift bags will not be used and we will be required to provide our own A3 bags.

JM offered to keep any donated A3 bags from Christmas Fair to assist.

No donations will be turned away however items must be brand new and unwrapped.

KD advised the referral process is open for NBCC bags. Lorna in office collates same.

KD will contact class representatives regarding coordinating NBCC collections.

Trim Trail Upkeep

KR spoke with office staff and no upkeep policy in place.

KR will ask previous Chair Lisa Herbert of company name from where item was purchased.

SF will liaise with Mr Robb re. same.

Headteacher Items

The first parents' forum for ASN ran last week. Few attendees however those who attended made good links and gained support from staff and other families. This was a very informal forum, tea and coffee and a chat. This will run every second Friday and will be evaluated in the new year.

SF has a contact in SAC information and advice hub who can hopefully provide input to these sessions to discuss benefits/welfare/grants etc.

PC to share information on ASN forum on social media.

The school had a recent positive visit from Education Scotland. Every class and teacher involved and pupils were asked their opinions. A report is now being collated which will provide school with their next steps.

New classrooms are complete and furniture for these is on order. These rooms will be utilised for meetings/private space and a general-purpose room. Negotiations still ongoing on best use of the space.

Lack of IT equipment continues to be an issue with ICT suite not being utilised due to lack of laptop/computers/iPads etc for each class.

SF has raised this issue again and more ICT equipment should be provided.

PC offered to purchase ICT equipment however SAC will not support upkeep of technology which has not been purchased internally. Items also need to be compatible with SAC programmes.

New families that have been relocated to the area are settling well. The support the school, staff and their families have provided has been amazing. Children are settling in and beginning to pick up the language.

KR reiterated that the PC would help/support families in any way they can.

AOB

JM offered to approach DPS teachers regarding volunteering at Christmas Fair.

Next meeting 8pm on Wednesday 10th January on Zoom