

St Cuthbert's Parent Council AGM



Meeting Minutes

10th September at 6pm

Present:	Mrs McCallum, Head Teacher	Councillor Brian Connolly
	Claire Murdoch, Chair	Michelle Sinclair (parent)
	Tami Winning, Vice Chair	Suzanne McCunnie (parent)
	Erin Connelly, Treasurer	Catriona Brady (parent)

Next meeting: Proposed date Wednesday 12th November

1. PC Chair Update

- Introductions around the table. Committee positions discussed and opened up to everyone. All positions remain the same as follows:
Chair – Claire Murdoch, Vice-Chair – Tami Winning, Treasurer – Erin Connolly. Secretary duties will now be shared between Tami & Erin.
- Current PC balance is sitting at £1,450.
- CM, TW & EC joined the Culzean PC meeting on 9.9.25 to discuss the upcoming Music Night at the Town Hall on Saturday 8th November. We were given 150 tickets to sell with all tickets sales to be split 50/50 between both schools. There is to be one point of contact between the schools and Murray Hospitality, and this will be Erin. A group chat has been set up to discuss the plans for the night i.e decorations, possible fundraising ideas etc. We will be available to advertise after this Friday as there is another event on and we don't want to confuse anyone. We will be given a poster that we can share on social media platforms. All in all this will be an amazing opportunity for us to raise money for the school pot. Tickets are priced at £10 each. This is not a school event, this is a community event so we want to try and sell as many if not all the tickets we can. There will be 3 local bands attending – Roaring Seas, The Splinters and Earthbound. Helen Murray will be running the bar.
- PC will have a couple of tables again at the Christmas Fayre. We will stick with a tombola as this always does well along with a couple of other ideas and a raffle. The raffle will be ours alone this year though as no campus one.
- Charity Shop – Deirdre has arranged this for the school w/c 03.10.25. All funds raised will go into the school pot. Deirdre has kindly offered for donations to be dropped at her house. Mrs McCallum will send out details via Eduspot. Claire also offered to have items dropped at hers or she can pick up if needed.
- Please follow the link below to join the St Cuthbert's Primary Parent Council Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387057398565948/?ref=share>

2. Head Teacher Update

- Mrs McCallum confirmed the current school role to be 44 with a placing request for a new P1 which would bring it to 45. We have 6 new P1s, 1 new P2 and 1 new P5. All staff are permanent plus Miss Murray (Probationer)
- Class structures – P1/2 (12 pupils), P3/4 (13 pupils), P5-7 (19 pupils). Mrs McCallum confirmed that the children were all settling in well and are already working their way through baseline assessments. P1-4 are joining together for Music & STEM with differentiation and challenge included where appropriate. P4 will be included in the Christmas show as they have previously been and taking the lead in Pupil Voice Group with the cluster.
- Mrs McCallum confirmed that the pupil newsletter "What's Up at St Cuthbert's" is underway and will be shared with parents soon however it's just the diary dates for now.
- Mrs McCallum spoke about the current partnerships that the school has – Thriving Communities, Rota Club, Chess Club, Library visits etc. All these partnerships enrich the experiences within the school for the children.
- Last year the school was awarded a Gold Accreditation for Rights Respecting and Silver Reading Schools which we are very proud of. St Cuthbert's has also been nominated for a Music Awards Accreditation by Mrs Gibson. Sacred Heart have recently received this too.
- Mrs McCallum shared the School Improvement Plan at the meeting however this can be found on the website for anyone wishing to look at it.
- After school clubs are starting back up again with the Rota Club kicking off on Thurs 11th September. Mr Moan's football club will begin the following week. Info will be sent out by the school.
- Next Family Mass will be on Sunday 5th October – All Welcome.
- Mrs McCallum asked if the PC would support the cost of the P7 hoodies this year as well as the PE hoodies for the new pupils. PC delighted to help with this.

3. P7 Residential

- P7 trip this year will be to Edinburgh in March 26. A full itinerary of the trip should be available later this week. Mrs McCallum explained how the consultation process went with the children and reiterated all the pros and cons of this trip in comparison to previous years to London i.e. less travel time, coach transfer on call, closer to home, jam packed itinerary.
- Parent consultation was held in the school on the 9th September.
- Due to the higher number of children this year (9 from St Cuthbert's and 15 from Sacred Heart) there will be 2 Bingo nights to fundraise as much as possible to support the cost of the trip. Details to follow in due course. Bag packing has also been arranged at Home Bargains on the 8th November for a 2hr slot.
- TW going to set up a P7 parent group chat to brainstorm some more fundraising ideas which will hopefully also help towards the cost for all.

4. Upcoming Dates

- 25 September – P6/7 Pope Francis Faith Award Ceremony – 6:30pm in St Margaret's Cathedral – communications regarding this will be sent out by the school.
- 9th October – Parents' Evening
- 10th November – Tempest Photography
- 8th November – Music Night – Town Hall
- 29th November – Christmas Fayre – Maybole Campus

5. Councillor Connolly

- Advised that the grant for playground toys has been approved.
- Also advised that Ayr United who currently run some afterschool clubs in Ayr are looking to roll out across the rest of the authority, Maybole, Girvan etc.... Mrs McCallum said this would be a great benefit to working parents.