

Straiton Primary School Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 17th September 2019

Sederunt: B. Connolly (councillor), A. Hardy, S. Agnew, L. Candlish (head teacher), C.-A. Dunlop (treasurer), J. Williams (secretary), K. Kidd (chair).

1 Welcome and apologies

Karen welcomed everyone to the AGM. Apologies had been received from G. Bacon.

2 Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of 18th September 2018 were approved.

3 Matters arising

These would be dealt with during the meeting.

4 Updates

Chair's report

In her report Karen remarked that 2018 – 2019 had been a very quick year and the children at Straiton Primary continued to feel happy and secure in their school environment. Parents and members of the community feel very lucky to be included in events like the Big Breakfast, leavers' lunch and, of course, all the Christmas and other seasonal activities. The increase in the school roll was a massive boost.

Early in the session there was a visit from the inspectorate and this had very positive results. Thanks to the staff for all the work they put in to achieve a strong platform from which to move onwards and upwards.

Financially the parent council has continued to support the school. This year they have had tombola stalls at the Christmas Fayre and Kirkmichael Gala as well as holding a whist drive and beetle drive. A huge thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and supported these events, both parents and the wider community.

Thank you to Carol- Anne and Jen for their support and also to all members of the parent council.

As this will be Karen's last year with direct involvement with the school she asks that everyone considers who will be her successor.

Head teacher's report

Liz began by thanking the parent council for all the support given over the last session, 2018 – 2019.

- a) **School roll:** 14 pupils including the Early Years Centre. There were no new starts in p1.
- b) **Staffing:** entitlement remains the same at 2.2

The EYC now operates all day as per the 1140 hours roll out.

- c) **SIP 2019/2020:**

Literacy: to improve standards in reading and writing.

Numeracy: to improve numerical skills and build consistency of approach in pupil experience across the cluster.

Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion for All: to create a professional standard and build confidence in practitioners, capable of developing mindful practice with children.

Improve Employability Skills: children will develop skills for learning, life and work across the curriculum.

Early Years Centre: development of programme to increase family learning opportunities.

- d) **Charity focus:** after two very successful years, children will again take ownership of their chosen charity. This year it is the Ayrshire Hospice.
- e) **Residential:** enquiries are being made. Feeling that an earlier date of late April/ early May would work better within the timetable of events.
- f) **School garden:** while the school garden and community garden have been a great success, there is too much for the school alone to tackle after the summer holiday. Help is needed from the parents and wider community.
- g) **School house:** the house will not be let out again. Meetings have been held to discuss how best to use the space for much needed accommodation for the school.

5 Ratification of members: A. and I. Hardy, S. Agnew, C.-A. Dunlop, C. Gilmour, J. Williams, K. and R. Kidd.

A letter will go out to parents who were unable to attend.

6 Election of office bearers: Karen, Jen and Carol –Anne all happy to continue in post.

Co-opted members: G. Bacon and L. McWhirter both happy to continue.

7 Treasurer's report: bank balance brought forward from 2017/2018 - £297.00.

Total income: £1539.18

Expenses: £1004.75

Balance: £831.43

8 AOCB: the **Harvest Lunch**, previously run by the now disbanded Picnic Committee, has been taken over by the parent council. A poster will be displayed at the shop to advertise. Parents and helpers will be contacted for soup, sandwiches and raffle prizes.

Suggestion that pupils could design Christmas cards. Parents would then have the option to have them made up by the company which did the tea towels and buy them for family use.

Snowball – the Christmas party for p6/p7 pupils from the rural cluster. Due to low numbers of pupils it has been suggested that this be replaced by, perhaps, a monthly activity.

Councillor Connolly informed the meeting that SAC had approved part funding for five years for a psychologist for the Maybole and North Carrick schools. The rest of the funding will be provided by Grants for All, Robertson Trust and NCCBC.

Garden: Jen to contact the Straiton Environment Group for help.

9 Date of next AGM: Tuesday 15th September 2020.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Jeanette Heggs
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