Clovenfords Parent Council

Minutes of the Meeting

Date	30 May 2023
Location	Microsoft Teams

1.	Attendance	Action
	Committee: Katie Finlay, Ashley Sharp, Isla Young, Caroline Myles Miss Skinner, Mrs Davie, Lynn Bertram, Karen Seaton,	
	Samantha Kellock, Fiona Bayne, Alison Lowrie	
2.	Apologies Received	
	Julie Decoteau, Leanne Wilson, Alison Saxon.	
3.	Approval of previous minutes	
	No changes needed, approved.	
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes	
	None.	
5.	Financial Report	
	 £1,004 raised from May Fair and plant sale money will be added to this for final total 	IY
	 Julie's Kitchen grant update Since last meeting, we purchased the 	
	greenhouse, picnic bench and replaced planters	
	 Funds will be completely used by end of school year 	
	• £2,712 in the bank account	
	Asda green tokens	
	 £400 award coming To be used for outdoor learning of some form 	
6.	Headteacher Report	
	The Developing Young Workforce focus fortnight	
	 Very successful; around 50 people visited the 	
	school	
	 Plans to develop next year, including opportunities for classes to develop enterprises 	
	 Having a follow-on event with Developing Young 	
	Workforce Borders in June	
	Class trips	
	 P7 residential was success and same is provisionally booked for next year as well 	
	 Using Parent Pay will allow people to pay for the 	
	residential in smaller amounts of £30-35 monthly	
	 P5s been to Borders Countryside Day 	

	 P6s went to the Inspire Learning Festival 	
	 P1s and P2s are visiting a local farm 	
	Upcoming events and experiences	
	 Dogs Trust coming to visit P3s-P6s Live Music New Sectland are bringing a barniet to 	
	 Live Music Now Scotland are bringing a harpist to do a concert for P2a P6a 	
	do a concert for P3s-P6s	
	 Kids are enjoying afterschool football clubs and there is a Mr. Destroyment of the set of the set	
	thanks to Mr Bertram, Miss Jeffrey and Mr	
	Kellock for helping run these	
	 Transition plans have been developed for P7s to 	
	Gala Academy and ELC to P1	
	 Sports Day being planned and recruiting 	
	volunteers	
	 Around £150 was raised in addition to May Fair funds; to 	Miss
	be confirmed by Miss Skinner and shared with PC	Skinner
	New Gala Academy Education Costland visited DCs and DZs to tall	Skilliei
	 Education Scotland visited P6s and P7s to tell 	
	them about the plans	
	 Took views and feedback from students 	
	End of session parent survey	
	 Coming out in next few weeks 	
	 Asking for feedback and considering other ways 	
	to keep parents informed about what is going on	
	in school, e.g. Showbie	
7.	Clovenfords Community Council Update	
	School was involved with orchard planting and continue	
	to communicate with Mrs Saxon and school re	
	developments and involvement	
	• They have design plans for a new, accessible bridge to	
	the football pitch and will explore funding opportunities	
	for this	
	 There was a discussion that the Village Fair is a 	
	separate committee to Community Council;	
	unfortunately, the Fair isn't happening this year because	
	the committee doesn't have enough volunteers	
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8.	Fundraising	
	 May Fair Big thank you to everyone who helped and made 	
	it successful	
	 Taking feedback on board for when we do one 	
	again and will consider not charging entry	
	 Tesco donated burgers and hot dogs 	
	 Need more organised volunteers so that people 	
	can have break from stalls	
	 Generally, more streamlined and more ideas for 	
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	 Have received only 16 responses from parent 	
	 survey School is keen for an outdoor classroom, gazebo, 	KF and
	 School is keen for an outdoor classroom, gazebo, covered area for learning, so we will be looking at 	Committee
	raising ~£1,500 for this	Committee
	 Trim Track will be removed by Community 	IY
	Payback Scheme (Unpaid Work Team) and we	
	have sourced more tyres that will be put in the	
	play area over summer holiday; we will consider a	
	climbing frame or something similar as	
	replacement in future	
	 Fundraising events for next school year 	
	 Halloween Disco is scheduled for 27th October; 	AL
	Alison Lowrie and others have already	
	volunteered to lead on that	
	 Christmas Fair scheduled for 1st December; Katie 	KF and IY
	and Isla to lead on getting operator's license and	
	can plan more in new school year	
	 Family Pub Quiz night – looking at 21st 	ASharp
	September; Ashley Sharp to lead with support	
	from Callum Clement as quiz master	
	 Nursery to run a Welly Walk sponsorship 	ASharp
	fundraiser in September; Ashley Sharp to support	
	teachers with that	
	 Mrs Davie to get details for Cash 4 Kids and 	Mrs Davie
	shoebox appeal to Katie to discuss something for	
	 students to be involved with Christmas donations Isla to check with Leanne Wilson regarding 	IY
	 Isla to check with Leanne Wilson regarding template for calendar fundraiser that PC did in 	
	past	
	 Isla to start process for Christmas card fundraiser 	IY
	in new school year	
9.	Class Representatives Questions and Feedback	
	 Karen raised question from parent about concerns with 	
	needing to buy two pairs of shoes when children are	
	asked to have a separate pair at school. For safety in	
	winter, snow days it is necessary for children to not wear	
	wet shoes indoors, and for nursery students this is part	
	of their transition and independence. Any cheap plimsole or shoe is fine, and parents are welcome to put	
	shoes from home into school bags on the days when	
	more than one pair is required. School will also consider	
	messaging around this.	
	 Karen has asked for library volunteer(s) for 23rd June. 	KF
	Katie will post on Facebook.	
	 Discussed getting Clothingfords donations for Halloween 	
	costumes and Christmas clothing.	
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	 Discussed promotion of Clothingfords. Lynn suggested students could maybe get involved with running and promoting it, incorporate Maths, literacy, health, get them to help with photos/videos/social media promotion. Miss Skinner agreed that they could get students involved and understanding purpose also. Sam suggested making sure nursery parents understand purpose from early on, and school agreed to have items out for parents to take items during the P1 transition parent's presentation. Ms Davie also mentioned it could possibly be more tied to the school's global goals, and perhaps a fashion show at some point to promote. Fiona brought up the P7s end of year celebration, which will be a BBQ. Historically, there were years when classes were much smaller, and they did day trips and funds were raised through enterprise initiatives. Isla is going to check back in accounts to see how much the PC may have given for the P7s leaving event in previous years, and to consider if PC could help with costs for this year's BBQ. It was also noted that a BBQ is something PC could look into purchasing, potentially with funds ring-fenced for outdoor activities. Fiona also clarified – P7s will wear PS uniform for their transition days in Gala Academy. Karen enquired about the P4 class having one more student than the max of 25 for a composite class. It has been arranged through Council for a short period and with allowances, e.g., additional support and ANA time for the class. Sam asked if the school intends to continue letting students come in wearing their gym kit. Miss Skinner confirmed that the students agree this has been a positive change and will continue going forward. 	Miss Skinner and school
10.	AOCB	
	 Katie mentioned that Julie Decoteau has investigated costs to have some signs made, for use at events and Clothingfords. They seem to be under £100 so nothing requiring PC approval but FYI. Isla asked re putting options for other photography packages to parents and see if we want to make a switch from Tempest. Miss Skinner will confirm that Mrs Saxon is happy to include in parent survey. It was agreed that PC will provide ice Iollies for all the children during the ELC and PS Sports Days, as an end of year "treat". Ashley will investigate costs and Committee will decide re purchasing these. School will send out details to parents a few days in advance to 	Committee and JD Miss Skinner AS

	 confirm it's suitable for any dietary requirements. PC can consider purchasing ice lolly trays so that students can make them in future. The children are learning and singing the Braw Lads songs and will have the visit with them at school. Alison Lowrie is going to pass on contacts for Selkirk Common Riding so that school can invite the Standard Bearer for a visit next year. Currently Schools Out can't run Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs every day because there are not enough children to cover costs. If you are needing or wanting to change childcare arrangements, please consider getting in touch with them and using this service. 	AL and school
11.	Date of next meeting	
	The plan is to have the AGM in conjunction with Meet the Teacher event. School is confirming calendar for next year and then the dates and plans will be confirmed.	School and Committee