

Clovenfords Parent Council Minutes of the Meeting

Date	22 January 2024
Location	Teams

1.	Attendance	Action
	Committee: Katie Finlay, Isla Young School: Miss Skinner, Mrs Davie and Mrs Saxon Fiona Bayne, Samantha Kellock	
2.	Apologies Received	
	Ashley Sharp, Leanne Wilson, Linsey Carpenter, Karen Seaton.	
3.	Approval of previous minutes	
	Need to send out and get approval via message. October minutes sent out to Class reps - no amendments reported.	KF
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes	
	None, all progressed.	
5.	Financial Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · £4,440 in the bank. · £1,400 is ring-fenced for outdoor learning from ASDA and Tesco grants. · The Christmas Fair raised £365.49, Christmas card commission was £212.53, £69 from EasyFundraising, and £245 from the Halloween Party. · P7 hoodies were £393.75 (paid), with £122 to offset costs raised through the bag pack. · Still waiting on final figures from the calendar sales, but around 60 were sold and there are still a few extras available for purchase on Parent Pay. <p>100 Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Paid for lottery license. · Information to join has been sent out and already have some sign-ups. · First draw will be on 31st January. · Samantha raised concern that families may be struggling financially in January and find it difficult to spend £12. This was considered by the Committee and to run it whole 12 months and during the license period, it made most sense to start in January. You do have until 31st to sign-up and people will have reached payday, or it is an option to sign-up in February also. 	IY
6.	Headteacher Report	

Updates:

- There was an open morning last Friday, 19th.
- Scots study focus fortnight has begun.
- Weekly Go Wild sessions are providing outdoor learning opportunities for P1-4 students.
- P1s are enjoying Sphero robot club that older pupils are running for them on Fridays. Looking to restart Microbit Club for older students this term.
- P7s Burns Supper is 24th January, hoodies will be handed out.
- Bike Ability sessions for P6 pupils starting next week.
- Planning charity bike sale for April (date TBC) and are suggesting money goes to the Mary's Meals fundraising that is ongoing.
- Had a visit today from Austrian educators and staff from Apple; very positive interactions with our school and students who shared how we are using digital technology to enhance learning.
- Class trips and plans are being discussed; depending on costs, this may be something that PC can support or raise money for in partnership.

Wider Achievements

- Have been receiving more of these and have a display in School.
- There is now a P7 Achievements Leader who is helping with the project.
- Could Class Reps please share reminder in chat groups – send emails to clovenfordsp@scotborders.gov.uk.
- Open to ideas about other ways of sharing these out of school activities and achievements.

Staffing

- Mrs Crashaw is now in post as P1/2 teacher Wed-Fri.
- She was previously covering for absences in P3/4, to provide continuity of learning for those students.
- Because of this and with Ms Dodds leaving in December, this has meant a shortage for support staff.
- However, two new Additional Needs Assistants are starting: Ms Akrigg and Ms Cook.
- The one-day funded Support for Learning Teacher role will now be covered by both Mrs Crashaw and Mrs Selkirk from ELC.
- Miss Scott has also been hired to fill Ms Crosby's post in P3/4, but there will still be supply teachers as required until she starts because she is working notice period in her other school.

Fundraising

- Christmas Fair stalls raised just under £500.
- Julie's gingerbread house raffle raised £224.79.
- The charge for events also raised money that went to purchase some items for the shows, but also added the rest to fundraising.
- There was a total of £1395 that can potentially be used to purchase an outdoor classroom, in partnership with PC.

Access to Green Lane and Caddonfoot Road

- Mrs Saxon discussed that there are steps near the Muga that could provide easier/safer access to the Green Lane, Caddonfoot Road and football pitch.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · This would be very useful for outdoor learning and activities; however, will need permission to use, a clearing of the area and potentially a stile or similar. · It was agreed that Mrs Davie will mention it to Mundells and put them in touch with Katie and PC re permission. · Mrs Saxon will reach out to Community Payback Scheme to ask them to help clear area and discuss options for a stile to be built. 	LD & KF AS
7.	Community Council Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Council will have a presentation from Pollinators Along the Tweed project, which is a project at the football pitch which can provide the School with outdoor learning opportunities. · School was invited to attend, but it is during half-term holidays; Ashley will feedback to Mrs Saxon. 	AS & ASharp
8.	Class Rep Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We are aware that there has been negative feedback re the long wait for school photographs to arrive and have fed that back; feedback on quality has been very positive, so these are things we will take into account for next time. · Received positive feedback from the Halloween parties. · During breaks and lunchtime, students can now only use the middle external doors to exit/enter the building – not far doors near ELC. This is to enhance pupil safety; students still use the same toilets, but those who use the ones near front of School need to enter through middle doors and walk down corridor. <p>Christmas Fair feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Was quieter than last year and also raised bit less money. · Children and teachers enjoyed their crafts and selling. · Feedback was: the call to action for some of the 'help' weren't clear (e.g., bottle stall, home baking) – discussed that next time there could be a mixed-advertising approach through Facebook, Weekly Updates, letters home, Showbie, etc., to try and reach as many people as possible. · Feedback was: not enough stall holders and variety – discussed that the number is good in order to fill the hall, and it is difficult to please everyone on the types of items, variety. · Many people from the village attended, which was nice to see people from the community in the School. · Refreshments: had a steady flow of people and volunteers were not overwhelmed. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Discussed having a separate meeting for May Fair planning – Katie will send out a poll to arrange date.	KF & ASharp
12	Date of next meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Monday 25th March, 6:30pm for PC meeting on Teams.	ASharp