

Bent Primary Parent Council Meeting

26/02/24 7pm

- Attendees- Colin Thomson (CT), Lynsey Cosgrove (LC) , Jennifer Kydd (JK), Kerry Beadle (KB), Natalie Bain (NB), Leila McKay (LM), Lucy Douglas (LD), Debbie Scott (DS), Aileen Naismith (AN), Evelyn Swan (ES)
- No apologies
- Minutes approved from the previous meeting? YES
- Evelyn Swan from Kirkmuirhill & Blackwood Gal day committee asked if the parents of Bent Primary could support them by attending events and participating in the walking parade. Both the queen and the champion are from Bent Primary this year so would be good to support them. They are going to be running a competition for each school to design a poster/ logo to be used, there will be a prize and would be good if they could attend an assembly. Don't need to have a theme for parade if we don't want to.
advised that this year they've secured grants to allow the inflatables to be offered free of charge. Rides will still be chargeable. There will be a free petting zoo, a balloon artist, face painting & healthy valleys will be also running activities.
The gala day insurance covers everyone walking in the parade.
There will be activities such as sports mid way through the day.
Evelyns contact details- kirkmuirhillblaxwoodgaladay@outlook.com & 07368666407
- Treasurer's report- Aileen gave an update of our current balance £1075.64
- Head teachers update -
 - Successful H&S audit has been carried out
 - Relationship & sexual health section has taken place - all info is available on the app should parents wish to see what's involved
 - Nursery transitions with Woodhill Nursery are ongoing , hopefully approx 16 primary ones will start in August
 - 19 p7s will go to high school
 - After school clubs are ongoing netball, dance and sports. (NB asked if these could be communicated to parents in advance of the children agreeing to them, as some parents are unaware that the clubs are taking place.)
 - Miss Harris recently presented on play pedagogy at HQ in Hamilton.
 - Miss Walker is expecting a baby and will go off end of April/ beginning of May.
 - Share the learning event is upcoming, letters went out to parents this week.
 - The band Saint Phoenix is visiting the children in RM 3&4.
 - Full reports are due 22/3.
 - Parents night is scheduled for 1st May.
 - School improvement is ongoing.
 - PM writing is still going very well.
 - CT is an interhedd verifier for potential new head teachers.
 - P7 enhanced transition is ongoing

- JK asked how the p7 children will travel to the high school visit. CT- this will be confirmed.
- JK- school leavers hoodies- can she have a list of names with proper spellings please. Cost of £16 per jumper.
- P7 end of year trip to be confirmed.
- Class trips. Only rm2 have had their trip, the rest are outstanding. As is a whole school trip.
- Photographer- PTA will look into a replacement.
- School are pursuing a digital school award.
- JK asked what happens to the Chromebooks that her p7 child has- CT advised that these are likely obsolete. KB asked if these could be retrieved and sold to raise funds.
- P6/7 residential- Largs end Feb 2025. 2 options 3 days £170/ 4 days £250 approx 25 kids. Could PTA raise £1k towards this?

Cost of the school day

- The Parent council are aware of the reasoning for the restrictions due to cost of the school day, perhaps it be communicated to the rest of the parents that the school still participate in events.

School bus

- Why is the school bus late? CT has been reassured by the bus company that this shouldn't happen.

Sanitary bins

- Is there sanitary bins in the pupil toilets? CT will check

Easter

- AN- bought all the Easter eggs

Fundraising

- PTA can discuss this.

Ideas from school for using funds

- CT will get back to us with ideas after the Easter hols.

Any other business- None

Meeting ended 8.30pm.