

Crawford Primary Parent Council meeting

Held in Crawford Primary School

12th May 2022

All present as follows:

Kay Macpherson, Joyce Wood, Nikki, Gail Coulter, Emma Bias, Kathryn Cochrane, Yvonne Walkinshaw and Sharon Pearson.

Meeting begun with the minutes from the previous meeting (AGM) being read.

It has been confirmed that Allison Kateb and Aileen Gemmel are staying on as co opted members.

Funding was applied for through Vaslan for Forest school training and equipment which was rejected.

Head teacher update:

A busy term with lots of things going on

- P7 have a 3 day trip to Wiston lodge 6th-8th June
- Miss Erskine is undergoing forest school training
- Open afternoon on 24th May to have a look around the school, first time inviting parents and carers in since covid

- Children are having a street party for the Queen's Jubilee on the 1st June with a special lunch
- Potted sports day on 14th June – all parents and carers welcome to come along, potted sports is sports day with a difference and this is being organised by the older children
- Leavers ceremony on 20th June this year is the Oscars in line with Branston the Bear topic who wants to be a star, this has involved making films with the children.
The children are all excited.
- 2 years ago a child won a competition, the competition was to name a cow (MOOSEY FERGUSSON) the prize was to visit a farm, this prize was changed to a visit to the Royal Highland Show and the children go on 23rd June.
- Residential trips, these are normally booked 2 years in advance. Obviously due to covid these haven't happened. It is a possibility that the small school p7's will go together in May 2023. The price has increased and for 3 days and 2 nights would be £210. This trip would be close to home. Head Teacher is also looking into prices for 2024 this would be for p6/7
- Cost of the school day was discussed and we as a school need to be careful what we ask for, things like swimming will be starting up, how can we support this.
- We have had 3 new children taking our numbers to 20, we lose 2 p7 children and have 1 new start in August taking our numbers to 19. 19 children is the cut off point for 1 teacher and therefor in August we will be a 1

teacher school, Mrs Wood. There was a discussion about why people choose to take their children to Abington, main reason is that is where they went to nursery.

Spoke about after school clubs possibly helping to bring more interest to the school, Nikki spoke of a woman called Angela who might be able to help out with something. In previous years there has been a parent and child dance class, will ask people what they might be interested in.

Gail suggested the Parent Council have a table at the Jubilee fun day (Sunday 5th June 11am – 3pm) and have a public consultation, hand out a questionnaire. This was agreed and the Parent Council will have a table.

Head Teacher was looking for feedback on communication with school, it was brought up that people don't always read emails. It was asked that holidays were added to the app as all there is on the calendar is the lunch menu. Kay will look into this. Mrs Wood updates the school website([Crawford Primary – Just another blogs.glowscotland.org.uk – South Lanarkshire site](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/~SouthLanarkshire/site)) every week with what the children have been upto, most of the information is also transferred onto sway. Nikki suggested a you tube channel and that some other schools have a twitter account, this would prove to be lot more work for the teachers.

Nikki spoke about her project 'The Caring Hearts', Nikki would like to use these knitted/crochet hearts to talk about loss, anxiety and feelings in general.

A time capsule has been purchased with a pen drive, Emma will help with this. This is to be buried hopefully on the day of the Oscars and opened in 10 years. Possibly marked with a tree, this will be looked into.

Kathryn has agreed to be secretary as Emma Soanes has since stepped down.

Nikki spoke about the group 'Lets get growing' in Crawford and there would be opportunity for the children to join in over summer if they so wish.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th September.