

Minutes – Parent Forum –Thursday 25th May 2023

Attendees: Mrs Marshall, Mrs Smith, Jen Ferguson, Diane Broatch, Billy Broatch, Andria Jeffrey, Kristen Dearie, Vicki Heijnen, Jill Cairns, Laura Cleland

Apologies: Nicola McCracken, Carol Hunter

Last minutes agreed.

Head Teacher Update

It's been a busy term organising transition events, trips, summer experiences, outdoor learning but its lovely to see the children enjoying the learning and teaching. Our recent ASN audit has indicated that our school is fully inclusive, and the majority of children's needs are being met. We have a nurturing and creating environment and I thank again parents for the many lovely comments that were shared with myself over the past few weeks. Our focus this term is to ensure that Every face has a Place at Kirkton and children are supported to explore their identity and diversity.

I thank the many parents who attended the HGIOS breakfast, and we will also be completing staff and pupils audit after the long weekend in order to write next year's school improvement plan. I will be creating a google form which will go out to parents for those parents who couldn't attend.

The Lockerbie trip was a huge success, and we had many tired contented children on return.

With our clubs and sports, we have had many successes. Some of these in our football, athletics, music. We proudly have had a wide range this year and we will continue to have this continue next year.

The portal is moving to an app, and we will let all parents know when this happens in June.

The Cost of the School Day working party met this week and we are delighted that we have created a flyer alongside our position statement. Jill Cairns will now discuss this further.

Gala group: Mrs Smith has been leading with this and will report along with members of the group the progress of this event.

Our Global Goals have been introduced to our children and each class has taken on a responsibility e.g plants, water butts. Next year the children will be in a global goal group.

House winner's prize has been organised.

We now look forward to celebrating the end of term and welcoming our new children into p1.

Many thanks to the parent forum for their excellent support this year. I look forward to us all working together in 2023/4

Treasurer Update – No change from previous meeting

Funds have been allocated for pantomime.

The Kirkton Primary Parent Forum Newsletter (summer) included a survey asking parents their thoughts on what should be the priorities for the funds raised.

Gala Day - Update (Jen Ferguson)

The float is at Jens house, Jan & Fiona have been responsible for communication, Clare has been responsible for sourcing costumes. Each child has a good part and a dedicated costume, and the committee have been heartened by the number of children who are taking part (70+ kids). Quite a few props are being made for the various sections which include Charlie and the chocolate factory, Willy Wonka, The Enormous Crocodile and Matilda, the float will have music, and it is expected to be stunning.

Actions

Help is needed to paint the float - Mrs Marshall will organise for the P7's to help with painting the float.

Discussion was had on the end of the parade, and how to manage the kids leaving to meet the parents to ensure safety.

Cost of the School of the Day Working Group - Update and discussion

A flyer has been created to help parents know what people are entitled to and to encourage parents to join the working group.

A collaboration with the OneCan Hub is being explored to house a preloved uniform hub.

As a result of the cost of the school day policy there is likely to be less fundraisers from the Parent Forum and more focus placed on accessing grants.

School Summer Disco – Update and Discussion

Discussed that the disco is seen more as an end of year party, so there is no expectation that it will raise funds for the school.

It was agreed to do a photo booth and confirmed that the DJ will run the games.

School Disco - Update

Volunteers organised, Games decided, Price of food bags agreed, Decorations organised.

Pantomime - Update

Sleeping Senga Lanark memorial hall has been paid for and buses booked.

Athletic strips - Update

Have been paid for and delivered.

Uniforms - Discussion

Discussion had about uniform suppliers and a question as to whether ALJ Uniforms in Lanark should become suppliers of Kirkton Primary School Uniforms

P5 Trip - Update

Concerns around the trip have been resolved.

Parent Portal - Update

Has been updated and an App will be created.

School website

Vicki Heijnen has offered to help with this.

PVG

No update

Glee Club

Discussion had that Glee Club would perform out with the school.

Actions

Action	Activity	Owner
Cost of school day	Flyer to be created	TBC
End of term raffle	Organise communication and purchase voucher –	This will be paused until the cost of the school day has been fully investigated.
Gala	Help needed to paint the float	Mrs Marshall
School website	Help needed to update the website.	Vicki Heijnen

Dates for next term:

Tues 22nd August 2023

Thurs 21st September 2023 (AGM)

Tues 24th October 2023

Thurs 23rd November 2023

Tues 23rd January 2024

Thurs 22nd February 2024

Tues 19th March 2024

Thurs 25th April 2024

Tues 21st May 2024

