

Robert Owen Memorial Primary school

Minutes of the meeting held in the school staff room at 19:00 on the 25th of March 2025

Present

Bronwen Aidoo, Laura Black chair, Nicola Wilson, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Dickson, Lorraine Dick, Christina Turner, Jenni Smith, Vicky Day, Suzanne Barrie, Erin Barrie

Apologies

Claire Frood, Mrs Ross, Mrs Bradshaw, Kathryn Gartshore, Fiona Barr, Gemma Good, Erica Baillie, Kayley Girvan

Welcome

Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of the last meeting

Proposed, Suzanne Barrie Seconded by Lorraine Dick.

Parent Council business

Finance Update

Balance £1924.39

Include payment of £69.50 from Easyfundraising.

The donations of £32.51 from the parents evening refreshments are still to be banked to bring total to £1956.90.

Nicola advised she is now a signatory but as yet still does not have access to the online banking. £150 for the year book has been paid to the school.

Review Parents Evening

The Donation bucket at the parents evening refreshment table raised £32.51 and raised the profile of the parent council. It does involve a large amount of time and it is hard to get enough cover to allow two people to be present for the full time. The school pays for the refreshments. The next parent evening will be in November. Provision of refreshments can be considered by the incoming parent council.

Sports Day

Providing refreshments and home baking at the sports day in June 2024 brought in approximately £150. The meeting was keen to support the school by providing refreshments again and home baking. Mrs Hamilton advised that this year it will be held on the park adjacent to St Marys and the leisure centre due to risk assessment, it will be held on the Tuesday the 20th May 2025. Lanark Lifestyles have advised that the toilets will be available for use by the children. House colours to be worn and will include flat races, novelty races

and obstacle races, parents race, house relay, jnr and senior relay. The school would like the Parent Council to provide Ice Lollies for the children. The school will be providing a programme. If the weather is wet, then it will be cancelled and rescheduled. The school will be looking for parent helpers to escort the children down and assist with the races. Hot water may be available for the hot pots from either St Marys or from the Leisure centre, Mrs Hamilton will check this. It will be part of health week.

Tables will need to be taken down to the park. Ice lollies for the school last time cost Approximately 289 pounds. Suggestion was made to ask Tesco and/or Morrisons to donate these. Suzanne Barrie volunteered to ask them. Lorraine Dick offered to keep them at her business to avoid having to put them in the school freezers if needed. Lorraine Dick offered the use of a gazebo. Laura Black to ask about borrowing the large cool box we have borrowed in the past from the Cornets.

Helpers to serve on the day. Bronwen Aidoo, Jenni Smith, Vicky Epton, Lorraine Dick, Christina Turner and Claire Froud.

Home baking volunteers

Bronwen Aidoo, Laura Black, Vicky Wilson Day, Vicky Epton, Suzanne Barrie, Erin Barrie.

School will also be looking for loan of tarpaulin or ground sheets for the children to sit on.

P1 gifts and summer treat

Laura contacted ALJ for quotes. The P7 ties will be 6 pound each. 51 will be required. The meeting was happy to proceed with this.

P1 numbers are still to be finalised after placing requests. ALJ advised the T shirt with the logo will be 6.50. The cheapest currently available online without the logo would be 5 pounds. The meeting discussed the importance of supporting a local business and also the importance of advising parents that while uniform with logo is welcome it is not required. The meeting agreed by majority show of hands to proceed with providing the P1 with the purple pe shirts with a logo on it.

The school will be providing a treat for the behaviour policy so the meeting decided to use what would have been spent on the summer treat on the ice lollies for the sports day and to contribute to the pantomime.

School will advise on sizes as soon as they can.

Annual parent council conference

This is taking place on 31st of March 2025 at Council Head Quarters between 6-8pm. If anyone is interested to attend, please contact Laura.

Looking ahead to the AGM

The AGM this year will be in September to allow for parents joining the school in August to attend and be part of the parent council. A date needs to be set at the May meeting.

Laura advised she will be stepping down as Chair. A new Chair will be required. Anyone interested in considering the chairperson role is welcome to speak to Laura.

Bronwen advised she will be happy to share secretary role with someone else as her youngest will be moving into P6.

No other roles advised they would be stepping down.

Newsletter

Laura will do newsletter to be shared with parents via school social media.

School Business

Head teachers Update

Mr Dickson gave Mrs Ross's apologies, she is attending the Burns Poetry competition. Mr Dickson gave an update on staffing including welcoming Mrs Hamilton back to the school. He read an update from Mrs Ross. Work continues on the school improvement plan. HMI Inspection has asked the school if they can submit a case study on relationship pathway

After the holidays the bulk of school communication will be through parent portal. Some member highlighted they had difficulty accessing this, this is an app issue and has been raised by the school. Parents can still email the school office for information or clarity on issues.

Yearbook is being progressed by Miss Murphy and the deposit has been paid and this deposit will reduce the cost per child.

Active Agenda

Nothing submitted.

Meeting closed at 8 pm.

Next meeting 22 May 2025 at 7pm in staff room

Scribed by Bronwen Aidoo.