

Parent Council Minutes - 16th September 2021

Present

Farrah Bett, Robert Beveridge, , Mark Hill, , Claire Templeman, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Fiona Moran, Laura Robertson, Tracey Miller, Danielle Smith, Rachel Walker

Apologies

Jane Stewart

1. Actions from last meeting

All actions are completed

2. Parent Rep Feedback

Class	Feedback	Response
P1	Can P1's get weekly feedback on seesaw on what the class have been doing that week?	The school are going to create a protocol for seesaw to make sure there's consistency in how it's used across the school and hope to bring it to the parent council/class reps for feedback. The protocol would set out how school using it and what parents expect from it. Laura happy to input from p1. Fiona happy to input from p4 and Robert for P7.
	Uneaten food in packed lunches	Uneaten food comes back in packed lunches so parents can see what child has eaten or not eaten.
	When is class photo to be in paper?	The school will be advised nearer the time when it's in the paper and will let parents know via seesaw.
P2	School photos	School photos – Mrs Brewster going to look into this. Probably would be outside. P1 and p7 on 19 th October. No date for rest of the school. Update: the whole school are to have photos taken on Tuesday 19 th October.
P3	Lunches – availability of fruit	Fruit is available every day in school even though it doesn't appear on the menu.
	Outdoor learning	Outdoor learning to be embedded in learning and the school are working with Learning through Landscapes to build confidence. The school want the learning to be meaningful and flexible and will consult with the children to establish what they want to do. It will be ad hoc and will be planned in advance. Looking at getting mud kitchen maybe for p1/2 playground
P7	Will there be P7 hoodies?	The plan is for there to be P7 hoodies. The bulk of the money for the hoodies is usually raised at Christmas Fayre. At the moment there seems to be a move away from the Christmas fayres across Stirling Council area due to covid restrictions. Farrah asked if the school could do something outside (e.g. in the park) with gazebos. It was agreed this was something to look into. Action – Isla to email Lesley, at the Community Centre, and the Gala team about gazebos.
	Will the Dalguise trip go ahead?	As guidance stands, at the moment, a residential trip would be permitted so the assumption is it could go ahead. The school are currently checking Dalguise and Dounans for costings and dates. The trip normally takes place in March.

3. Treasurers Update

- Current in bank = £1,344.65
- Spending at end of last term was as follows:
 - Garden equipment = £350 (all classes got an area for responsibility)
 - Party (262 pupils x £5) = £1,310
 - Seesaw = £900
 - Books = £286.81
 - Seating = £1,276.60 (awaiting to arrive)
 - Total = £4,123
- Need to get a gaming licence (roughly £20) if going to be doing raffles etc. Like to keep a buffer of £200 for the account.
- Nursery still to get a quote for the fencing. A new staff member's husband is a builder and is going to come out and give the nursery a quote. Claire will email the quote in when gets it.
- Richard suggested the school should promote Amazon Easy Fundraising (the school get 0.5% of the net price of any purchase).

Action – Mark/Danielle to put something in newsletter and on Facebook about Easy Fundraising.

4. FREG update

- Eleanor Ewbank is standing down. Lynn has also left FREG. Currently no-one interested in taking over.

Action – Farrah to put information on Facebook requesting for new members to be involved in FREG.

- Farrah asked if the Cauliflower Cards were a good fundraiser and if they were could the school do that again? Richard confirmed they were a good fundraiser.

Action – Farrah going to look into the cauliflower cards and get the packs sent to the school.

5. Nursery update

- This is the busiest year ever at the nursery. Still strict guidance which they have to adhere to. They don't have the group bubbles anymore but still are not allowed any parental engagement sessions at the moment.
- The nursery have one new staff member – Gayle.

Action – Mark/Danielle to put a photo and getting to know you information about new staff members in the school newsletters.

6. School update

- The School Improvement Plan is underway and the school are planning to develop action plans for the following:
 - Raising attainment in writing.
 - The school are planning to develop a school wide culture of reading and have joined with the Scottish Book Trust to be a reading school and hope to get the silver accreditation.
 - Going to continue to embed outdoor learning.
 - The school continue to embed play based learning.
 - Scottish Government Guidance to continue to look at positive mental wellbeing for pupils and staff.
- Once Action Plans are drafted will share wider with the parent council and wider school community.
- The current CCTV system is to be upgraded before the end of the financial year (March 2022).
- The Multi User Games Area (MUGA) flooring is in a poor state and has been identified as a health and safety issue. The MUGA was installed by the community council and the council are responsible for the maintenance. The council are currently establishing whether the cost sits within education or land services.
- P6 to begin swimming at start of 2022
- Seesaw is working well for communications and parents are going direct to teacher with questions which is good.
- New house captains have been elected
- The school continue to look for more meaningful leadership roles for learners. This is being developed currently.
- Mrs Hughes, a SLA, is moving on so the school will be advertising for new SLA.
- Covid is having an impact on staffing members and the school will continue to communicate with parents if there are changes to staff. Often changes are with very little notice but where possible families will be notified.

7. AGM – 30th September

The AGM will take place on the 30th September.

8. AOB

- Robert asked if there are plans to re-start the Stirling Credit Union. The school would like it to start back as soon as they are allowed to (covid guidance doesn't allow it at the moment). There was a question about who is the representative for the Credit Union and no-one knew.

Action - Danielle/Mark to look into who the current Credit Union rep is

- Farrah enquired about a Halloween fundraising event and it was agreed the pumpkin carving and Halloween trail could go ahead again this year.
- It was agreed all of the parent council minutes should be on the website. The last minutes that were uploaded were in February.

Action – Mark/Danielle to put parent council minutes on the website. They will also send out a link via seesaw.

- Richard Winfield happy to be P5 parent rep.

Actions from the meeting

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The AGM takes place on the 30th September and the next parent council meeting thereafter will take place on the 18th November 2021.

Both meetings are at 1900hrs via zoom (joining details are 234 – 336 – 1675).