

Parent Council AGM - 30th September 2021

Present

Farrah Bett, Emma Beveridge, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Fiona Moran, Laura Robertson, Mark Hill, Danielle Smith, Liz Morgan, Jane Stewart, Lisa Nicol, Lynne Fellingham, Tracey Miller

1. Chairs Report

In the last year:

- Farrah Bett took over as chair.
- Isla Williams took over as secretary
- Richard Winfield continued as treasurer
- We have set up a system of parent representatives for each year group from nursery through to P7. These posts have worked well in the last year, giving opportunity for parents to field questions to the school through their rep and filtering answers, solutions and information back from the school to the parents. With regular parent council meetings, this has allowed for a good flow of questions, feedback, and answers to occur between the parent body and the school.
- A Parents Council promotional leaflet was developed and is on the school website.

Fundraising

Parent Council fundraising and events were greatly reduced last year due to restrictions and lockdowns, but FREG did manage to run two socially distant events over Halloween (pumpkin trail and pumpkin decoration completion), which received really positive feedback, particularly from parents with children in the younger end of the school.

FREG also assisted in organising the ordering of the Christmas cards through cauliflower cards and the P7 cookbooks (moneys raised from the cookbook went towards paying for the P7 hoodies).

Charity donation to the parent council have also been ongoing through "easyfundraising".

Overall money raised for the PC from each event are as follows:

- Halloween trail and pumpkin competition £142.45
- Cauliflower cards £613.26
- Easyfundraising £264.62

Constitution

At the last amendment (2020) the following was adjusted:

- the time limitation in chair position was removed
- the requirement of 1 years' experience replaced with the condition that a child attends the school
- the requirement to attend 5 meetings a year was also removed.

At present no review of the constitution is required (unless anything is raised at the AGM).

2. Treasurers report

Balance Overview

Balance	Date
£1,344.65	27/09/2021
£5,917.34	11/09/2020
£1,404.24 (once cheque for £39.37 paid in)	Cheque for £59.37 to be paid in

In/out	£
Out	£7,380.55
In	£2,636.16
Difference	£-4,743.98

Parents council has spent money on the following:

- P7 Photos - £118.21
- P7 Cookbook - £258.08
- Art/Sports equipment - £869.46
- Cauliflower Cards - £1,251.59 (Pay school due to VAT)
- Easi Vue Visualisers – £759.80
- Garden equipment - £350
- Party 262 pupils including nursery x £5 = £1,310
- Seesaw - £900
- Books - £286.81
- Seating - £1,276.60

Total = £7,380.55

As expected due to the lack of events with the past and current covid situation spending has been higher than income. Future spending is £20 for a gambling license that is required to run raffles/events.

The signatories on the account has been tidied up this year with all old signatories removed apart from past treasurer and chair, as each cheque requires two signatures and only Richard Winfield and Katrina McKnight added. Plan this year is to add Farrah and Isla in case Richard or Katrina are unavailable to sign documents.

Closing balance is £1,404.02 once the cheque for £59.37 has been paid in.

3. School Report

The school are producing a Standards and Quality Report and are currently in the process of evaluating the previous School Improvement Plan. The Schools Improvement plan is on the website and the Standards and Quality Report will go on too once finalised.

One of the main things the school has been focusing on is increasing opportunities for learners to shape school decisions e.g. pupils have been involved in class action plans and the House Captains led a whole school anti-bullying campaign which was very successful.

Four main areas which the school want to report back on:

Pupil voice

- House captains led a play based audit and spoke to pupils about what they'd like in the playground
- Pupil teams have been involved in a whole school golden-time audit. Resources and experiences getting looked at with a view to implement in term 2.
- A pupil group raised money for Start Up Stirling raising several hundred pounds.
- The Green Beans team have been busy planting and harvesting vegetables in the school garden.
- The pupil parliament have worked with the council to improve signage to/from the school. They also came along to a staff meeting and raised how they could get involved in school planning and have produced banners for the school house groups.

Planning in the school

- The school has introduced tracking and impact planning meetings and this helps track pupils progress and identifies opportunities for extra support etc.
- Some staff have worked on science progression planners

Digital skills

- Digital confidence throughout the school has increased
- There has been lots of training around Seesaw, Google Classroom, Google Drive, Sumdog etc.
- P5-7 can all confidently use google classroom.
- Seesaw has been good for communication and has provided increased engagement between parents and teacher.

Outdoor learning

- The school is working with learning through landscapes and has invested in training and trying to develop outdoor learning.

4. Office bearers

Farrah – Chair

Isla – Secretary

Richard – Treasurer

Everyone happy for the office bearers to stay in post.

5. Plans for the next year

The year to come:

- FREG and the Parent Council hope to hold more activities and events that might enrich the children's experience in and around school, fostering more of a community feel and making a link between the school, the children, the Parent Council and the parent body. We hope to do this whilst still keeping within guidelines laid out to keep everyone safe.

- In addition to fundraising, the Parent Council are keen on helping to organise volunteer help from the parent body in projects in and around the school. At the last Parent Council meeting, it was asked if there were any projects that could be aided by volunteer help. Currently in its early stages is a project to build a stage and water play area (lead by Danielle Smith) for the P1 playground. We hope to support this as much as possible going forward.
- Possible/intended future FREG events:
 - Photography completion/competitions
 - Halloween trail and pumpkin comp
 - Christmas Fayre
 - Cauliflower cards
 - Easyfundraising
 - Resolution run

Update on Christmas fayre

Update: Since the AGM the Council has confirmed schools are not permitted, under current covid guidelines, to hold outside or inside school fayres with the wider school community so no Fayre will go ahead.

- The Gala committee suggested combining the School Christmas Fayre with their reindeer and Santa visit.
- The Bowling Club have said we could use their outdoor space and carpark space for free. Richard asked what outdoor space they have as it was unlikely they would want us on the bowling green.

Action: Farrah to check with the Bowling Green what space the Bowling Club were referring to.

- There was a suggestion as to whether or not the Fayre could be held in the school playground.

Action: Mark to find out if the school would be allowed to hold a Christmas event in the school playground.

- There was some discussion about what would be at the Christmas Fayre e.g. baking, raffle etc. In terms of baking it was suggested people could pre-order this with some baking available to purchase on the day. This means if the event was cancelled due to bad weather the baking can still be handed out/collected by parents. Farrah suggested the idea of having a Mrs Claus reading a storybook and each child getting a piece of gingerbread and a storybook.
- The school has a learning community meeting on the 7th October and Mark offered to find out what other schools are doing for Christmas and feedback.

Action – Mark to feedback to FREG what other schools are planning for Christmas.

- Fiona suggested it would be good to find out if the High School are doing a Christmas Fayre and when it is and we wouldn't want our event to be on the same day as their one.

Action: Mark to find out if the High School are holding a Christmas Fayre and when it is.

6. AOB

- Isla and Farrah are both having problems posting on the school Facebook page.

Action – Mark to check Facebook settings to see who has admin rights.

- Farrah attended a recent Parent Council Network Meeting and there was lots of info on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Fiona Moffatt from the Council has offered to come along to a parent council meeting to give an overview of how everything has changed around UNCRC.

Action – Farrah to invite Fiona Moffatt along to the next Parent Council meeting.

- Bikeability training will take place in March 2022.
- P5/6/7 swimming – P6 going swimming (they're the p5 that missed it last year) in January. After that Active Stirling are going to run a catch-up programme.
- The school has not been approached by the Council or the Developers about the planned new build at the Seven Sisters site (194 new homes planned) and the implications this will have on the school.

Summary of Actions

Action: Farrah to check with the Bowling Green what space the Bowling Club were referring to.

Action: Mark to find out if the school would be allowed to hold a Christmas event in the school playground.

Action: Carry out a questionnaire to find what the school community want.

Action – **Mark** to feedback to FREG what other schools are planning for Christmas.

Action: Mark to find out if the High School are holding a Christmas Fayre and when it is.

Action – **Mark** to check Facebook settings to see who has admin rights.

Action – **Farrah** to invite Fiona Moffatt along to the next Parent Council meeting.

The next meeting will take place on the 18th November 2021 via zoom (joining details are 234 – 336 – 1675).