

Parent Council AGM – 29th September 2022

Present

Farrah Bett, Isla Williams, Laura Robertson, Mark Hill, Fiona Moran

Apologies

Jamie Vaughn-Sharp, Mya Meiklejohn, Danielle Smith, Lisa Nicol

1. Chairs Report

In the last year:

- All office bearers remained in post.
- The Parent Representative system for communication of questions/queries/ideas from parents from each year group to the school has continued to work well and proved a useful two-way avenue of communication.
- Parent Council meetings have continued via zoom, meeting once a term.
- Farrah Bett spoke at the information evening for new P1 parents whose children would be starting in August 2022. The benefits and functions of Parent Council and FREG were highlighted, and new parents were encouraged to join. From this Jamie Vaughn Sharp has joined Parent council.
- We have attended Stirling council and Connect network meetings, gaining useful information regarding future plans for the schools in Stirling, and training and ideas for fundraising.

The Parent Council funds were used last year for the following:

- Contribution to P7 hoodies
- Contribution to P7 yearbooks
- Providing prizes for the Autumn Art Competition
- Providing an Easter egg for each child in school and nursery.
- Providing ice lollies for each child during Sports Day.

The year to come:

- We hope to help support Cambus Club by way of funding for materials (e.g., ingredients for “Cooking club”), which will hopefully be utilised by the whole school.
- Support the enrichment of the outdoor areas, especially along the fence.
- Assess the platform used for Parent Council meetings.
- We hope moving forward to hold more activities and events that might enrich the children’s experience in and outside of the school.

Constitution

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

2. FREG Report

In the past year we have held:

- Our Autumn Art Competition, which was free to enter, and had a great response.
- A pumpkin decorating competition, which was very popular in the lower half of the school.
- A pumpkin trail around the village, which again was very popular with the younger members of the school, but had a much smaller uptake from the previous year. This raised £95 (for the trail and pumpkin decoration competition combined)
- Christmas Raffle, with donated prizes from local business, as well as class hampers containing donations from parents. For the raffle we started using JumbleBee, which allowed for online purchases, and did the draw virtually. This was a great success, and raised £1,074 (including cash sales)
- A new year Resolution Run event, which encouraged outdoor exercise, and was very popular with all the families who took part.
- Penny bridge competition. A STEM based competitions, supported by a local engineering firm that donated Lego prizes for the winners. This was free to enter. Uptake was a little low, but hopefully any new STEM competitions will prove more popular.
- We also did a spring silent auction – auctioned a signed rangers FC football and tickets to a Stirling Albion football match – raised a total of £64
- In collaboration with the Co-op in Cambusbarron we held an Easter colouring competition, this raised a total of £58.
- Summer fair - we returned to the school for the first time. The event was well attended, and enjoyed by the children, and many from the local and wider community. This raised £2,689 (combined with the raffle)
- Summer Raffle. Once again using JumbleBee, as well as tickets bought on the day in a live raffle at the fair. This was well supported, both in donations of prizes and tickets purchased. £330
- Silent Auction. A guitar and amp kindly donated from one of the families at Cambusbarron was auctioned off in a Silent Auction. This raised £87
- Parents Café at the sports day. FREG ran a pop-up café on Sports Day, which was well supported. We were also able to supply all the children with an ice-lolly after the races. This raised £103.

3. Treasurers Report

With events and activities now back to 'normal' we have £3,242 more in the account than previous report in 2021.

The balance is £4,777.03 minus £300 outgoing for P7 books which gives a remaining balance of £4,587.03.

Outgoings for the last year are:

- Gambling license = £20
- P7 Hoodies - £360
- Easter eggs - £132.59
- School Fayre costs - £211.92
- P7 end of year books - £300 (pending)

Income received is £4,566.38 and this is as a result of the FREG activities listed in section 2 above.

4. School Report

Outdoor learning

- Staff had training in outdoor learning and are more confident undertaking outdoor learning with them.
- Grab and go bags developed for outdoor learning

Play based approach

- Play based approach to learning is embedded into P1-2 and is working well
- Looking at play based approach for the upper years of the school.

Health & Wellbeing

- A lot of work been done around emotions and children showing more emotional resilience.
- Developed a health & wellbeing library and this has proved very popular.
- Have developed a nurture room which is well used and there are plans to develop a second nurture space upstairs.

Literacy and Numeracy

- Creation of a writing framework and improvement in writing standards and attainment for all.
- Working toward Silver accreditation as a reading school
- RWI sessions delivered to P1-3 and these worked well.

Pupil leadership

- P6 Leaders of Learning
4 P6 pupils joined training delivered at Riverside Primary and will take an active role in evaluating the learner experience at Cambusbarron Primary. I am in discussion with them and some of the ideas we have had so far are to:
 - evaluate the Friday Cambusbarron Clubs and see what is working and what could be improved.
 - evaluating our school grounds, gather feedback from all stakeholders and create a plan of action based on this.

This group will recruit new members and take a turn in visiting another school and hosting a school visit. In this visit they will showcase our school and also look to learn lessons from other settings.

- P5 Lunchtime Leaders
Applications are in and these will be reviewed with our new Lunchtime Leaders receiving training next week to start after Oct break. The kitchen team will be delighted to work with them.
- House Captains
Have been busy preparing to re-launch our House Points system and will do so at assembly on the last week. They are also about to approach the PC to ask for funding for litter pickers before setting up a litter picking group. After October break they will re-group and look to re-establish House Meetings and review how they will deliver their election promises.

Miscellaneous

- Has been great to welcome parents and carers back into the school and the recent Meet the Teacher event proved popular. A shared learning event on numeracy taking place on the 5th October.
- The Council are currently undertaking an options appraisal for the expansion of the school. They are also looking at works are required on the existing school. Isabell Smitt, Stirling Council, is leading on this work and will provide an update at the next Parent Council meeting on the 17th November.
- School Improvement Planning
Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan now available on the school website and contains a detailed analysis of our progress in academic year 21-22.

5. Office bearers

All officers happy to remain in post.

Next meeting takes place on the 17th November 2022.