

Parent Council Meeting – 17th November 2022

Present

Farrah Bett, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Danielle Smith, Lisa Nicol, Mark Hill

Apologies

Fiona Moran, Jane Stewart, Laura Robertson

1. Minutes from last meeting

All actions completed

2. FREG update

- Autumn art free competition – 30 kids took part
- Halloween disco – 200 kids attended and proved very successful. Profit £134
- Christmas fayre – 3rd December. Quite a number of stalls booked. Still to sort out a Santa and currently sorting out hampers.
- Hoping to have a Resolution Run in the New Year.

3. Treasurers update

Current balance is £3,543. Since the last meeting the Parent Council have spent £1,461 on outdoor table and chairs

4. Electronic payment options

- Farrah mentioned that the playgroup use 'SumUp' for electronic payments and asked if this is something the school could use. (SumUp charge 2p on £1 charge)
- Danielle mentioned that most payments for things could be done via ParentPay and this might be more effective.

Action - Danielle to look at what ParentPay charges are

5. Parent rep feedback

P1	Are there any plans for playground improvements	Yes, Learning through Landscapes met with support staff last week to discuss opportunities for improvements in the playground. Next step is to involve P6 'Leaders in Learning' pupils in discussion in what's working and what could be better developed. Learning through Landscapes will be back in January.
	Is there anything that can be done about cigarette ends left in the upper playground around the playhouse?	No cigarettes currently but Janitor will monitor as part of his daily checks.
P4	Did the school get the 20 micro bits from the Council and how are they being used by the school?	Got them at end of last year before the summer holidays. They are being used by Mr Brown as part of STEM activities. Mr Brown and Mrs Cook are the schools digital leaders and will take forward the use of the micro bits.

Why are P4 only doing P.E. once a week	Due to pressures on the hall for other uses (e.g. P1 & p2 practising their school nativity songs) P4 are doing their 2hrs of P.E. in one 2hrs block session instead of 2 x 1 hourly sessions. This may change again once pressures on the hall ease off.
Parking issues on road outside car park	Will remind parents that they shouldn't be parking directly outside the school.

6. School update

- School grounds talked about in section 5.
- Building update – full options appraisal being undertaken by the Council and it will explore new build and extension options. It is due to complete at the end of March 2023. Mark shared the questions people want to know about to the Council team. The council will come back to the school community to discuss after the options appraisal is complete.
- Staffing – few absences recently. If staff are off the school tries to mitigate impact on young people. Supply staff follow the planning put in place by staff teacher.
- Pupil progress meetings – 3 classes outstanding and progress meetings will take place once the absent staff return.
- Pupil progress meeting went well and the school was also able to gather feedback on school values.
- Industrial action on the 24th November. The school will be shut but the nursery will be open as normal.
- Free sanitary provision – Mrs Cook taking lead. Some of P6-7 pupils will also take ownership and be a point of contact. [Hey Girls](#) provide period packs and information booklets.
- The school would like money for the following: school grounds work, P7 hoodies (£10 per person), headphones (£400), Sumdog subscription (£1000), reading resources (couple hundred of pounds), sensory nurture room (£1,400). The parent council agreed they would be happy to part fund some of these items and agreed that Lisa would apply to Bridge of Allan Rotary for the grounds work.
- P7 school show – P7 do a live show in June. Mr Brown is leading on this with P7 pupils and more details will be shared as they emerge.

7. Nursery update

- Recruiting a Support for Learning Assistant in the New Year.

List of actions

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Next meeting: 23rd February 2023