

Parent Council AGM – 2nd October 2023

Present

Farrah Bett, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Laura Robertson, Mark Hill, Adam Collis, Jeni Haggerty

Apologies

Lisa Nicol

1. Chairs Report (including FREG)

In the last year:

- Farrah Bett continued as chair.
- Isla Williams continued as secretary
- Richard Winfield continued as treasurer
- Lisa Nichol has continued to head FREG
- The Parent Representative system for communication of questions/queries/ideas from parents from each year group to the school, has continued to work well as a useful two-way avenue of communication. We still are seeking more representatives for each year group.
- Parent Council meetings have continued via zoom, meeting once a term. We have trialled using different platforms (e.g., Skype), but have found that Zoom is the most suited to our needs.
- Farrah Bett spoke at the information evening for new P1 parents whose children would be starting August 2023. The benefits and functions of Parent Council and FREG were highlighted, and new parents were encouraged to join. From this Tracey Miller has joined Parent council, as a welcomed and much needed member, and has already taken on the role of P1 rep.
- We have continued to attend Stirling council and Connect network meetings, which continue to be attended via google Teams, gaining useful information regarding future plans for the schools in Stirling, and training and ideas for fundraising. This network also allows for flow of ideas between Parent Councils in different schools, allowing us to gauge if there are better ways to approach our roles, for example gaging which schools have, PTAs, PCs, charity status etc.
- FREG have:
 - Autumn Art Competition over the October break. The competition was free to enter and had a good response in the lower end of the school.
 - Halloween Discos for P2-P4, and P5-P7. The children enjoyed the event, and feedback was mainly positive. There was some confusion about communication about the tuckshop available at the event and children bringing money, as well as the start times of the two discos. This year, we will endeavour to communicate through Facebook, Seesaw, and email (with the help of the school), to ensure that everyone has all the relevant information. We also intend that at this year's disco will provide each child a snack and drink included in the price of the ticket, and pocket money will only be needed for games such as "lucky dip" which is optional. This event raised £134
 - Welcome return of The Christmas Fayre and Christmas raffle, held on 3rd December 2022, saw many connections with the local community made. For the raffle, many prizes were donated from the parent body, and local business, with the cash star prize being donated by David Wilson Homes. This event raised £2600

- Resolution Run returned for a second year. The event was aimed at encouraging walking, cycling, scooting, and general exercise in a 4 week period between January-February. Participants were awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze certificates and a wooden carved medal. The event had few participants than the previous year, and we will look at either how we can increase participation or hold an alternative event that promotes healthy active lifestyles. This event raised £19
- Quiz Night, which went very well, and enjoyed by all who attended. A Tuck shop and raffle was run alongside the event. Feedback from the event suggested that some of the questions were hard to hear, and younger children got restless towards the end when answers and points were being sorted out. Perhaps future Quizzes might have more activities for the younger participants and look at a quicker way to sort out the scores. This event raised £X.
- The Summer Fayre and Summer Raffle was held on 27th May 2023. The event went well, and saw the introduction of the token system, allowing parents to buy tokens for their children to spend, allowing the children to visit stalls and not have to carry money. Tokens were available for purchase with cash, card and online via QR codes. Feedback was positive on using this system and will be assessed for applying at other events. The raffle prizes included many kind donations from parents and local businesses, including Stagecoach Stirling, and Allan Water homes. This event raised £2,375.
- Pop Up Café at Sports Day. This event raised £166

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

- Contribution to P7 hoodies
- Contribution to P7 yearbooks
- Equipment for the sensory room,
- Provide snacks for the nursery and P1 Halloween parties
- Paid for “Stone the Crows” to perform for P1 and nursery
- 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.
- Subsidised the cost of school trips for each class.

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.
- Continue to fund school trips, including to the Macrobert’s Panto.
- 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. Treasurers report

Balance on account at 13th September 2023 was £6,624.27 up by £1,847.24 on this time last year. This is a testament on how well FREG have done over the previous year.

Since 13th September more spending has been agreed - Panto + transport (£13 per pupil) / School trips (£5 per pupil)/ blinds for nursery / Art supplies so the available balance is – £1,022.01

Outgoings for the last year are:

- Subsidies school trips (£5 per pupil)
- Blinds
- P7 Hoodies
- Nursery t-shirts
- Panto 2023 deposit
- School Fayre costs
- Stone the crows
- Nurture Space at school

3. School Report

Thanks for all the support from the parent council and FREG.

The school have producing a Standards and Quality Report which is available on the school website and a link sent out to parents and carers.

There are four main areas which the school want to report back on and which are detailed in the Standards and Quality Report.

Writing Framework

- Embedding a Cambusbarron Writing Framework to support best practice
- Improvement in writing attainment and standards for all
- Supporting learners to develop their metacognitive skills when discussing and reflecting on their progress and next steps in writing.

Languages (2 plus 1)

- Following an audit of our implementation of 2+1 Languages approach plan and deliver a refresh to establish accordance English (L1 - P1-P7), French (L2 - P1-P7) and BSL (L3 P5-P7) with all staff sharing a clear understanding of 2+1 curriculum. Mandarin is taught as an additional language in P7 leading to Stirling High which is a Confucius Hub.
- All children have a quality experience of BSL (Language 3) with resources / progression created to support Teaching staff.
- All children have a quality experience of French (Language 2) with resources / progression created to support Teaching staff.

Play Framework

- Embedding of a Cambusbarron Play Framework to ensure delivery of high quality learning through play experiences informed by robust evaluations.
- Classroom environments and provocations set up will support and encourage purposeful learning through planned play provocations.
- Families are supported to develop their understanding of Play based approaches to learning

Cambusbarron Reading Framework

- Creation of a Cambusbarron Reading Framework that supports staff in having a shared
- understanding of the planning, delivery and assessment of reading across the school and supports research informed best practice
- Support families to understand how best to support the development of their child's reading skills.
- Further develop the teaching and application of metacognitive skills when reading and support learners to reflect on their progress and next steps in reading.
- All children will have access to high quality literature and literacy resources.

Leadership of Change

- Improvement Working Party participants are clear on how planned work links to school improvement. All participants contribute to Rapid Action Planning as a model to plan for positive change linked to informed goals.
- Planned change is evidenced clearly regarding impact for staff, families and children.
- Support Staff feel valued as part of the wider staff team and life of the school with a review on communication, professional development and professional development embedded.
- Pupil Leadership roles will be developed throughout the school promoting meaningful consultation, giving children a voice in how their school operates and developing their skills for learning, life and work.

Sub priorities in pupil voice and pupil leadership continue and are working well.

4. Office bearers

Farrah – Chair

Isla – Secretary

Richard – Treasurer

Everyone happy for the office bearers to stay in post. Next year some of the office bearers will be stepping down so some new recruits will be needed.

Next meeting 16th November 2023