

East Plean School Parent Council Minute

October 3, 2022

Attendees: Ruth Donnelly, Alison Ewing, Emma Duff, Alison McInnes, Gill Rae, Morag Rendall, Leigh Orffer, Joanne Devine.

Apologies: Sarah Currie, Lynne Hardwick, Lorna Hardie, Mrs O'May, Julie McLaren, Carly Norris.

Minutes

Agenda Items

Agenda item: **1) Head Teacher Report**

Discussion/s:

- 1.1** Newsletter went out on Friday 30th September 2022.
- 1.2** A discussion took place regarding the challenges with sharing information about Pupil Progress meetings. Information went out via email, letter in bag and via the App. This extended to discussion on uptake of school App use by families.
- Emma Duff suggested putting information on Parent Council Facebook page.
 - Morag Rendall suggested Hootsuite, which is an App that allows the management of all social media through one login.
 - Leigh Orffer suggested adding information about the App to Home Learning Jotters.
- 1.3** Scholastic Book Fayre is on this week – coordinated to coincide with Pupil Progress meetings.
- Discussion on book fayre and Poverty week. Children still to be allowed to browse books to encourage an interest in books but not to be given a slip with a chosen book requiring families to purchase. Families will see the books while in school for Progress Meetings and can decide to purchase if they wish.
- 1.4** Church Service Thursday 6th October 2022 at 2pm, being led by Primary 4 & 5.
- 1.5** School closed at 3.15pm on Friday 7th October for 2 weeks. Nursery is open throughout.

- 1.6** Whylers photographer will be in school Wednesday 26th October 2022.
- 1.7** M & M Productions are doing Snow White on Friday 27th October 2022, school are covering the cost of this.
- 1.8** School will put out a Home Learning Questionnaire as they are keen to gather as many views as possible about families' experiences. (During Pupil Progress Meetings)
- 1.9** Staffing changes.
- P6 Teacher, Mrs Falconer leaves Friday 7th October 2022. Miss Clarke will replace her.
 - Support continues from Miss McCormack in Primary 1, Mrs Devine in P5 and Mrs Maitland will support P6.
- 1.10** Mrs Diamond, Miss Murray and Mrs Coyle are requesting funding for resources amounting to £141.97. (Play Pedagogy materials)
- Parent Council agreed to cover these costs.
- 1.11** Mrs Donnelly has submitted a funding application to update non-fiction books in school.
- 1.12** Primary 2 & 3 are having a Family Learning Event with a focus on Bookbug bags.
- 1.13** Community café, which will include used book swap for adults and children.
- 1.14** P1, 2, and 3 performing Nativity play in December.
- 1.15** School may require financial support from Parent Council for the new Disney project when more information is known.
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Agenda item: 2) Parent Council

Discussion/s:

- 2.1** Parent Council would like to agree dates in the diary for fundraising events and to have advance notice of funds school would like support with. This will enable the Council to plan across the school year.
- Emma Duff agreed to gather this information for the next meeting.
- 2.2** Fundraising Ideas
- Potential for Parent Council to do teas/coffees at Pupil Progress evenings to raise funds.
 - Christmas Hamper Raffles – coordinate with Nativity or Christmas Event.

- Discussion about donations then asking someone to make up the hampers. Lists of items required to go outside classrooms in time for Pupil Progress evenings.
- Not doing Christmas Cards this year.
- Spring Coffee morning and plant sale
- Entrepreneur Day suggestion – Children given some money to design and sell a product. Start up money is then returned to Parent Council from profit.
- Halloween Parties – 27th October 2022. Cost £2.50
 - P1-3 4.30-5.15pm
 - P4-5 6-7.15pm
 - P6-7 7.30-8.45/9pm
 - Party games with prizes (corners/pass the pumpkin/ knee to knee), no disco.
 - Mrs Donnelly doing a flyer
 - Discussion on snacks – carton of juice/crisps or biscuits
 - Sweet treat given as children leave to go home
 - Children can dress up but no masks
 - Carve a pumpkin or colour a pumpkin picture
- Christmas gift to classes – Agreed £150 from Parent Council to school to allow purchase of class gift.

2.3 Discussion on pros and cons of a Prom versus a day out for Primary 7s.

Agenda item: 3) Finance

Discussion/s:

3.1 No update.

Agenda item: 4) AOB

Discussion/s:

4.1 Queried if there will be a school Christmas Event – still to be decided.

4.2 Query if there will be a summer fayre – Agreed and date set for Sunday 11th June 2022

4.3 Agreed to keep time of Parent Council at 7pm. Future dates set as:

- Monday 7th November 2022
- Monday 5th December 2022
- Monday 9th January 2023
- Monday 6th February 2023
- Monday 6th March 2023
- Monday 8th May 2023