

East Plean School

Parent Council Meeting

Minute

Attendees: Mrs Ewing, Mrs Hardie, Ms McInnes, Mrs Orffer, Mrs Donnelly

Apologies: Carly Norris, Susan Rutherford

Minutes

Ms McInnes welcomed everyone to the Parent Council Meeting. Apologies made.

Christmas round up:

The Christmas Fayre held on 3rd December was very successful. £1595.43 raised. This will be split between Parent Council funds and Plean's Voice. The raffle brought in £650.00. Next time consider online option for purchasing raffle tickets. Santa's Grotto and the Snow Globe had a positive impact for the young people. Hot dog stall was very popular although expensive to purchase materials.

Baking very popular.

Parent Council purchasing books for Nursery and P1, 2 gifts – all purchased and wrapped.

Consider balance of Parent Council activities throughout year to spread cost implication/ workload.

Think about a sponsored event and an adult evening activity to raise funds.

Big Conversation (Stirling Council Budget proposals)

Alison attended the event at Bannockburn High School on 22nd November. It was interesting to hear in more detail how and why particular budget cuts are being proposed. When you understand the full picture and reason it makes more sense.

A number of potential budget cuts affect East Plean.

Balfour Centre

Plean's Voice would like to take over the running of the centre. Looking at a 3 year lease. Keen to keep the cinema, create a community Hub. Looking at sources of funding to cover costs.

Financials

No further update at present.

Headteacher's Report:

Diary/ Events:

Events for December listed in December Newsletter

School Crossing Patrol Officer:

Stirling Council Children and Young People Committee took the decision in March 2023 to remove all Crossing Patrol Officers as part of budget saving process. Mrs Elvin will be leaving her post on December 22nd 2023. Her post will not be replaced. A letter is being sent out to all parents/ carers on Tuesday 6th December via schoolbags, email and school app to intimate this change.

Playground

Our Young Leaders of Learning undertook a visit to Allan's Primary School during November and were interested in the work they have done around outdoor learning. Mrs Donnelly asked if it would be possible to have a few of our YLL attend the Parent Council Meeting in February 5th- to request funding to purchase some materials to support outdoor learning at playtimes/ lunchtimes. Parent Council agreed to the P7 learners attending the Parent Council meeting on 5th February.

Validated Self- Evaluation

Schools, Learning and Education is committed to raising standards and quality across all of its establishments.

Validated Self-Evaluation (VSE) is one approach to supporting and securing improvement.

Validated Self-Evaluation sits alongside other areas designed to support improvement, such as school improvement planning, Improvement Partnerships, Professional Learning.

Validated Self-Evaluation seeks to support, extend and challenge an establishment's own self-evaluation. It aims to provide a greater focus on the reflection, gathering evidence and self-evaluation already undertaken on a continuous basis.

Validated Self-Evaluation is a collaborative, evaluative process that builds on existing good practice.

Validated Self-Evaluation will involve a team of partners who will work with an establishment to observe learning experiences, interactions and spaces. Partners will engage in discussion with groups of staff, learners and parents/carers/partners and consider the range of evidence produced by an establishment. It will offer evaluation and validation of an establishment's own self-evaluation.

Validated Self-Evaluation will:

- Support and develop the capacity within an establishment to evaluate and improve aspects of their service.
- Support an establishment through validating the accuracy of their internal self-evaluation processes and outcomes.
- Assist in planning for improvement, confirming or adjusting improvement priorities in light of any VSE findings.
- Target interventions and supports appropriately and effectively, leading to improvement in outcomes.
- Develop collaborative working practices amongst staff in order to evaluate the impact of their practice on learners.

There will also be the opportunity to:

- Recognise, share and celebrate improvement and success.
- Identify good practice and disseminate this within, across and beyond the local authority.
- Inform the local authority priorities, support and perspective.
- Use the opportunity of being a member of the VSE team, for valuable, professional dialogue and reflection.

East Pleas are engaging in a Validated Self-Evaluation process in January 30th, 31st with school improvement partner school HTs (Allan's Primary School, Kincardine in Menteith and Thornhill) and Learning Community HT, Link Officer

Part of the process would be a parent/ carer focus group. Mrs Donnelly asked if members of the Parent Council would be available to take part in the parent focus groups. Other parents/ carers will be invited to participate too.

1. Parent Council Meeting dates 2023 2024
5th February at 7pm
4th March at 7pm
13th May at 7pm
3rd June at 7pm