



Parent Council Meeting

Minutes



The minutes for the meeting Parent Council for St Columba's Primary School and Nursery Class held on 27th September 2018 at 18:00

Present: Lauren Cameron, Cllr Cartmill, Gillian Ciab, Alison McGovern, Peter McGovern, Karen Potter, Carrie Ritchie, Fiona Smyth, Moira Wright, Eileen Yarnton,

Apologies: Cllr McGinty, Alana Thomson, Jodie Currie

1. The following appointments were re-elected for a second year;
 - Eileen Yarnton as Chair
 - Alison McGovern as Vice Chair
 - Jodie Currie as Secretary
2. Head Teachers updates provided by Miss Smyth, included the following updates;
 - **Staffing** – the school is at full complement of staff. Kim Coyle is joining from Bankton Nursery, taking lead role in Technology
 - **Technology** – School App is being created at present, this will be available in October and will enable all parents to receive updates. At present the system only allows for an update to one parent so this will help with communication
A new website is also being created, timings to be confirmed
Class Dojo will be decommissioned due to GDPR requirements
A new Maths program called SAMSON is being rolled out, all staff have been trained, more information to follow
 - Visitor – Skye Davis, a teacher from Sydney, is visiting St Columba's for 10 days
3. Parent Rep – A suggestion was raised by Jodie Currie for the PC to have a representation from each class across the school, changing the view to Parent Representation rather than Parent Council. All agreed this was a great idea. At present, with the exception of Primary 5, there is representation from all classes including Nursery.
4. Scholastic Book Fayre – this company has been in touch with Mrs Hopkinson to arrange a book fayre. All in favour of this and agreed timing in line with Parent's Night (22nd November) would be best. The stands will be in the hall before and after parents night.
5. Homework Working Group – Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Potter would like to run a working group with parents, pupils and members of the parent council. The completion of homework across classes differ greatly, this working group is to obtain feedback on parent and children's views to feed into the structure going forward.
6. Newlands Day – Alana Thompson has kindly volunteered to run this committee, Lauren Cameron will support. As per 2018, the pupils will be asked for their suggestions for the theme and a vote will be issued to all parents
7. Christmas Fayre – Gillian Ciab has kindly volunteered to run this committee. The fayre is on 30th November.
8. Communications
To help raise awareness there is now a Private Facebook Group;

https://www.facebook.com/groupinvite/ATW4xSKzCK735ycFKfVvTM-IOZi6wrf1jyoz7wjTtCzXB0geYycZtRQffacYCi-SollyaSXH-ljnnianz2cUgP5eJvzoKL14IPPF6WzfJ5j2TPaOeMYxymuPGZmS3QbizoW0WYI42d85_Au2ITsvjOd1cM6ycUQVaT9fETtCIMnqsZ4gCJYX1lvQ7aBa5XXx0GFUhzAf4sigKnEBRjjSPmZceuAmEZrsuS0xFlxjSTZ4Tg/

The email address for the Parent Council is stcolumbaspc@gmail.com

And Easyfundraising link is:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/s/spanbwl/>

At the request of another parent, the next meeting will be on a different night of the week. Next meeting will be Monday 29th October at 18:00.