

Parent Council Meeting

1 May 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance

Jane Weir (JW) Chair

Alison Hagan (AH) Treasurer

Katie Wotherspoon (KFW) Secretary

Joanne Jamison (JJ) Vice Chair

Johanna Jenkins (JK)

Anne Moore (AM)

Mr McCann (MM)

Apologies

Johannah Prentise Espy

Julie Tait

Everyone confirmed they wish to stay on the Parents Council

Church Liaison Officer - JK is happy to take on the role as Church Liaison Officer and AM is happy to hand over the role. The church forms will need to be filled out to make this official.

Additional Support Needs Representative – JK happy to keep this on. JW nominated, KW seconded.

Vice Chair – JW nominated JJ, AH seconded

It was agreed to put fundraiser on the agenda for the next meeting

Headteacher's Report

P1, 4 and 7 testing

- There is a period of testing coming up for the P1s, P4s and P7s
- These tests will be online and the teachers will be able to adjust the difficulty level for each child depending in how they are doing
- Preparation for the tests will begin immediately
- They will be treated as quizzes for the children and they won't be able to distinguish between the practises and the actual test.
- It is not standard practise to tell parents the results of these tests and last year the school were only told which third children came in rather than individual scores
- Children's levels will be indicated on end of year reports taking into performance across the whole year

Moderation Work

- Teachers have been working on this, checking their workings against other teachers in the city using benchmarks. These have all been very consistent.
- Parents will be invited to do this too, probably in mid-June.

P1-4 Maths

- The teachers have been planning more collaborative teaching in maths using the SEAL programme.
- This will enable movement among abilities irrespective of class.
- Each group will have different tasks set up with some doing more traditional maths, some maybe on Sum Dog (the teacher will be able to preprogramme what sort of questions they are doing to match the type of maths they are working on) and some maths related activities / Games. The child will rotate within their group every 20 minutes or so.
- The teachers will rotate every few weeks.
- This will be accompanied by a soft start on maths morning with the children being able to come in 5 minutes, giving them a change to settle down before teaching begins.
- This will start in a few weeks as there is still some planning to do.

Treasurer's Report

Total in bank £4517.39

Funding Requests

Two Marty the Robots to help kids learn coding – **Approved**

Summer Fair

- 22 June
- 2pm to 5pm run by PC 5pm to 8pm run by School
- School let agreed
- Awaiting response on occasional licence
- Slide and Bouncy Castle booked
- Fire brigade organised
- JJ to talk to Greggs
- Can put info on PC and Parish FB pages (Save the date 22 June and bring a dish for the evening)

Questions from the Parent Body

Why is school camp more expensive this year?

- The current price given is just a guide price which reflects the fact that camp may be longer this year, 5 days instead of 4. This is all still to be decided and will be discussed at a Cluster camp meeting in mid-May.
- The deposit is more than previous years to ensure the school does not end up needing to cover costs.
- There will be longer to pay for camp this year.

Why is there another teacher in P6?

- Post grad or 4th year student teachers have to be in P6 or P7 for an 8 week block. P7 will not be around for all that block so the placement needed to be in P6.

Have school lunch arrangements changed?

- Yes, P1 & 2 go at 12.15 and have until 1pm
- P3 & 4/5 go at 12.20 until 1pm
- P6 & 7 start lunch break from 12.20 but go to the lunch hall at 12.30

Prom – Will be Friday 21 June – 6.30 pm to 8 pm

Correction – prom is **Thursday 20 June**

The next meeting is Wednesday 22th May at 6.30pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Action	Owner	Date Due
Get church forms to change Church Liaison Office.	JJK	
Put fundraiser on next agenda	JW	
Chase up ABC music licence and instruments	MM	
Has cheque for educational books been cashed?	MM	
Talk to Greggs about food for fair	JJ	
Ask Suzy to put info on FB page	JW	
Price best option for drinks	KFW	
Find out if supplier of school merchandise can also do P1 book bags for a good price	MM	