

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 28 April 2021

Attendees	Initials	Position	Apologies
Alison Hagan	AH	Chair	Mr O'Connor
Katie Wotherspoon	KFW	Secretary	Kirsten Briggs
Kasia Banaszewska-Diaz	KBD	Treasurer	
Lynda Colthart	LC		
Johanna Jenkins	JJK		
Jonathan Davidson	JD		
Donna Cameron	DC		
Kasia Forbes	KF		
Julie Tait	JT		
Kerry Mackay	KM		
Elizabeth Miller	EM		
Mrs Westacott	KW	Head Teacher	
Miss Marshal	JM	P3/4 Teacher	

WELCOME

Alison welcomed everyone including parents who's children starting in August.

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT

People were invited to join as members. Members are: AH, KFW, KBD, JJK, JD, KF, JT, KM, KB

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

consider a clothes sale towards the end of next term. Discuss at the next PC meeting when we have a better idea of where the rules are heading – On tonight's Agenda

Suggest suitable days to KW for joining virtual nursery coffee morning - Done

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Coffee morning on Fri 21 May at 9.30 where parents can ask questions about class make up for next year. Although KW won't be able to confirm teachers at that. The school needs to wait for council confirmation of that.

Transition to new classes – teachers usually go into current classes in non-contact time to observe their new class. The current and new teacher will then sit down together and go through and discuss each child. Children will have the opportunity to play and learn in their new classroom. Children with additional support needs will have a transition discussion and they try to have current and new teacher involved in that discussion. If the child has a new PSA they will go and shadow in their current environment.

11 June end of term summary reports will go out. 16 June there will be a chance to have appointments with class teacher to discuss report and any concerns about transition can be brought up there. Parents are always welcome to contact KW as well.

Nursery to Primary 1 Transition - There will be coffee mornings for new P1 parents (virtually)

Primary 7 to Secondary Transition – the children won't be able to visit the high schools. The high schools will give St Margaret's tasks and videos of the school.

JJK – will the P5s get some extra time as they transition from the lower part of the school to the upper. – Children will have the opportunity as they need to experience the upper school as part of the transitions.

PSAs - Two PSAs who have been off are due back for a phased return.

Website - They are looking to update the website and have liaised with the PC committee for ideas on what might be useful. They are getting someone in to help develop that.

Standardised Assessments – Standardised testing for P1, P4 and P7 with results shared to Scottish Government. Though within school all years taking part in standardised testing – results for school use only. Ongoing assessments in class, tests at the end of units alongside standardised testing will all inform the end of year report. Nothing should be a surprise because they have been monitoring children's development throughout the year.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PARENT BODY

Is there an update on when the Afterschool Club can open?

Is there anyone the Parent Council can approach to raise how important this is for our families?

Answer – The plan is to open ASAP but we are still waiting on the ok from the Council.

No Newsletter last week?

Answer – There was a technical hitch. It has gone out now.

***When will we know about teachers and class structure for next year?
Transition plans?***

Answer – The teachers will have a meeting in a few weeks to discuss how any composite classes will be organised. They take many things into account when deciding this including ability, gender mix and friendship groups. It is not easy to do and will take a while.

When will applications for Breakfast Club be open for August for current attendees, siblings of current attendees starting at the school and new families to the school and joining the school? (there is confusion over form returned by 1st April, was this for the current term or August 2021?)

Answer – People who had places were asked if they would still like them last term. Children at nursery should soon be told they can register. Siblings will get priority.

CHURCH REP UPDATE

Sacrament preparation underway. The Piety stall is open after the classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are trying to organise things for First Holy Communion like we did last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FUNDING REQUESTS

Current Balance - £2,799.85

If we fund all the things we usually do up until Christmas 2021 with no further fundraising, we are left with - £

We are awaiting a funding request for a P7 away day but we may not fund the whole thing as consensus seems to be hoodies should be funded. Once we know the costs of these we will know what we can put towards the away day.

Sailing – Consensus is that we should increase the cost of sailing given that the price has gone up. We will go away and look at the average price per head over the last few years to help us decide by how much this should go up.

PC CALENDAR FOR REST OF TERM

Recipe competition – Over the summer

Virtual Balloon Race – Next year

Sponsored Class run or scoot, etc – In the summer

Smarties – Over the summer

TRANSITION P1 AND P7 – PC

W/C 7 June, a few days that week. We will help if we are allowed. We will take in donations, Wash and fold them.

BREAKFAST CLUB FUNDING UPDATE

We have put in 4 applications and waiting to hear.

We can't charge as we will lose the funding we have and want to keep it free

AOB

First Holy Communion

Next meeting – AGM - Wednesday 26th May 7pm to 8.30pm

ACTION SUMMARY

ACTION	OWNER	Due Date
Finalise smarties fundraiser - allergies	KFW	
Finalise sailing contribution- send email for agreement	AH	ASAP
Contact pub about cakes	KFW	
Finalise P7 EPIC day contribution when costs known and email for agreement	AH	ASAP
Speak with Fr Deeley about filming costs and that we are unable to arrange but will contribute as per last year	JJK	ASAP
First Holy Communion Gift bags	AH	June 12
P7 hoodie order	AH	May 26