

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 31 March 2021

Attendees	Initials	Position	Apologies
Alison Hagan	AH	Chair	
Katie Wotherspoon	KFW	Secretary	
Kasia Banaszewska-Diaz	KBD	Treasurer	
Lynda Colthart	LC		
Johanna Jenkins	JJK		
Kirsten Briggs	KB		
Jonathan Davidson			
Mrs Westacott	KW	Head Teacher	
Mr O'Connor	GO	Principle Teacher	
Miss Marshal	JM		

WELCOME

Alison welcomed everyone

UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Consider how to help people get their reading books – No longer applicable

Send KW dice game example of PE activities – No longer applicable

Send PC list of things school would like us to fundraise for - Ongoing

Keep looking into Smarties alternatives for when we do this fundraiser – Ongoing

to write cheque and give to school for House prizes – Done by bank transfer

Ask contacts at St Augustine's and Queensferry High Schools if they will advertise the quiz – Done

Put together a full proposal for a baby photo fundraiser – Still to do

Get Easter eggs – Done

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

See attached slides

Comments – Christmas cards were really well received and the kids took real pride in seeing their art work in print. We are signed up for this again for this coming Christmas and will advertise it sooner this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached slides

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

See attached slides

Composite of school next year – they are working on this. The class roll will grow slightly as there are more coming in, in P1 than going out in P7. This will take time.

Equalities – There is work going on at Edinburgh Council level to make sure RE teaching also fits with any relevant legislation on equalities.

Afterschool Club – Ready to go, just waiting for the authorities to give the go ahead.

Breakfast Club – Up and running with the possibility of expansion

Celebrating achievements – There will be a focus on this towards the end of the year.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PARENT BODY

Is there an update on First Holy Communion? Are the children being prepared in school?

Answer – Fr Deeley has been in touch and they have dates agreed for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Fr Deeley will inform people of these shortly.

When will homework start again?

Answer – Homework will start again after Easter. It was felt that this would have been too much this term with settling back into school.

Uniform, are they still supposed to come dressed for PE days and Fresh Air Fridays? Is this uniform joggers and school sweatshirt/jumper or non-uniform?

Answer – Want the children to come in, in proper school uniform. There is loads of recycled uniform and this will be out again on the next dry day. There are uniform grants for pupils on free school meals and we must remind parents that just because these stop for everyone at P4, people who qualify can still apply for it and a lot more funding opens up if you are claiming free school meals. Please do get in touch with the school if you need help with this.

As much as possible please do send children in school uniform. While this should be the right colour and the right items, it does not have to be branded.

Fresh air Fridays – They need to be comfortable and warm and perhaps a school sweatshirt but they can come in any colour joggers they like.

AP – 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chair:

Nominated by – JJK
Seconded by – KFW
Vote? – Unanimous

Treasurer:

Nominated by – AH
Seconded by – JJK
Vote? – Unanimous

Secretary:

Nominated by – AH
Seconded by – JD
Vote? – Unanimous

JJK has been nominated by Fr Deeley as the Church Representative

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021/2022

See final slide in Chairs report

KW will invite PC to virtual coffee mornings with nurseries so that we can have virtual chats with new parents. **AP – AH to suggest suitable days to KW**

AOB

Now that letters have gone out confirming P1 places for the next academic year, should we invite new P1 parents to the next PC meeting to give them a chance to join the PC in their first year?

JJK said that about two years ago there was an Extraordinary General Meeting organised to change the constitution to enable new parent to join the PC at the first meeting of the new academic year. Whenever this was done it is not in the constitution so, it was re-proposed at this AGM and agreed by all members. Also agreed to update the constitution to say that we can invite new parents to the first meeting after the AGM as well, before the child is at the school but after they have received confirmation of their place.

Next meeting – AGM - Wednesday 28th April 7pm to 8.30pm

ACTION SUMMARY

ACTION	OWNER	Due Date
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.	Whole PC	

Suggest suitable days to KW for joining virtual nursery coffee morning	AH	
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