



MINUTES – Parent Council Meeting Monday 4th November 2024

1. Welcome (5 mins):

- a. Welcome & Apologies (Sandra)

Online mtg with non PC members in attendance.

Apologies – Anne Scott, Morag Morrison, Jon Lofthouse

Attendees – Mary Bisset, Ashley Coutts, Marian Cruickshank, Sandra Dargie, Jo Drever, Fern Findlay, Kirsty Gallen, Camille Gordon, Sarah Hall, Shabnam Hussain, Farah Huzair, Hayley Keenan, Rachel Liddell, Rachel Lynch, Bryan Mackie, Emma McLoughlin, Angie Millar, Al Millar, Dele Oyinloye, Laura Perry, Laura Smith, Karolina Towers, Mandy White

2. Fundraising (30 mins):

- a. Halloween Dress Up and Pumpkin Competition (Mandy & Sandra)

£330 raised through dress up/pumpkin competition. Positive feedback that it was an enjoyable school day

- b. Autumn Disco (Angie & Al)

At point of meeting two days before disco and preparations going well

- c. Christmas Cards and Christmas Fair (Fern, Laura & Ashley)

Deadline for orders 6/11/2024. £1324.63 raised.

Christmas fair prep progressing well. 2 tables being held back for school use. Nursery has a table to raise funds for equipment

- d. Fundraising plans for 2025 – summer fair etc. (Fern)

Tea towels – considering for P1 only. To be reviewed January 2025

- e. Card reader investment – discussion (Fern)

Initial info - £29 outlay. Apps are available to mobiles. A couple of PC/parents have access to card readers. Fern to take this on (cash option not being removed, just opening up choice)

3. Discussion Papers (30 mins):

- a. New After-School Activity [Young Engineers] update (Laura)

Positive response – groups at capacity (30). Potentially back in January! Points to take forward – list of kids attending, GP room not suitable so moved to classroom. Set up lends it self better. Discussion with Gordon prior to need date should address any issues as LETS form is external to school so not premises specific

- b. Family Gardening Day update and funding request for picnic table painting (Mandy)

Positive response. The picnic benches need painting however. This was a big task as there's 14 tables. It has been suggested to pay for someone to do this. £500 to cover labour and supplies. ******This was passed with yes's from PC members in attendance at this meeting**

- c. ASDA School Rewards update (Fern)

School needs to register as shoppers can select a school to get rewards. Application needs to be okayed by Gordon – question would be money or vouchers as rewards?

- d. Nursery castle and planters update / Tesco tokens (Mandy)



The playhouse is £1800. This would be covered by Tesco tokens (should this be successful) up to £1500 so there would need to be a additional top-up from PC. This does cause some question as this would only benefit the nursery and not the school as a whole.

Suzanne to follow up on via email

- e. Request from Davidson's Mains PC to co-sign letter to CEC re Road Safety (Sandra & Bryan) Agreement for letter to be co-signed. However, still concerns over line markings at Road/Terrace end. Gordon to follow up on bin lorry access etc. during lights active periods.

4. Regular Updates (30 mins):

- a. Treasurer Report [see attached Treasurer report] (AI)
Standard funding through –
Lottery, ragbin and Christmas fair tables.
Spends for Christmas fair and young engineers club.
Additional spends planned – whole school lyceum trip. At point of meeting costs not confirmed but hopeful it would go ahead –
Provisional booking £5000 (£2000-£2500 without buses) £12-£13 per pupil. Previous years £10. was asked of parents per child. Bus cost is the significant chunk as prices have gone up. Consideration in splitting years over days if buses couldn't accommodate. £1700 PC paid. If costing more, there would be a vote required.

School funding has been dramatically reduced due to the withdrawal of council 'overspend' allowance. This allowed for a 'cushion' to cover outgoings whilst waiting for income however, this being removed means everything is far stricter. Any activity needs to be invoiced/paid in the same period as when it physically took place – no 'carry forwards'

- b. Headteacher Report [HT is additionally asked to comment on the following as far as possible]:
 - School Christmas plans – will the whole school go to the theatre?
See above for theatre trip
 - School policy toward racist language/abuse in classrooms and playground
Policies were made available prior to meeting. There was a lot of discussion regarding the way a particular incident has been handled and (non PC based) meetings are ongoing.
Gordon advised the methods that are put in place and how the school handles certain aspects (high level). He is always keen for openness and learning to encourage ongoing support and understanding across the school and local community
Gordon will summarise the policies to make it clearer and this will be released to all parents and carers (*now released*)
- c. CEC update [Cllr Hyslop is asked to comment on the following as far as possible]:
 - General updates
Mr Hyslop was not in attendance

5. A.O.B (5 mins):

- P1 playground request (late email just before meeting). This is again year specific rather than whole school. P1 mum Hayley Keenan advised she has a



family contact that run a garden centre and she will ask her work to fund contribution from garden centre to school. Suzanne to liaise on this with Haley.

- Christmas jumper donations – there is a space on the boutique rail and posters made and displayed at main door.