Parent Council Meeting Minutes

AY26/27 - Meeting 1

Tuesday 29th September

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Online (via Teams)

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Previous minutes & actions
3. Headteacher update
4. Chair update
5. Finance update
6. Social media update
7. Fundraising & events update
8. Other

Minutes

Present: Tommy Hynes (TH), Louise Whyte (LW), Danielle Turner (DT), Charlotte Craig (CC), Holly Robertson (HR), Chris Howat (CH), Helen White (HW), Demi Smith (DS), Sundas Hussain (SH).

Apologies: Kerry-Ann Wallace (KAW), Marta Biderman (MB), Sarasota Mrazova (SM).

Chair: DT

Notes: DS

1. Welcome

- The chair welcomed all to PC meeting.

2. Previous minutes & actions

- Confirmed.

3. Headteacher update

- School improvement plan: Priorities for year ahead shared. This includes: raising attainment in numeracy & literacy with particular focus on P3 & P4. Improving differentiation through practitioner enquiry with all class teachers taking part to evaluate what strategies work best for each particular class & reporting back. Individualised support (eg. Play therapy, developmental P.E., The Den, etc.). Refresh of vision, values & aims (VVA) ensuring it is reflective of ever growing school roll/community - staff, pupils & parents/carers input will be sought for this. Attendance improvement - looking to improve on last years 91.4%.

- Staff: Miss Lovick currently absent with Miss Murphy returning to teach P5. Home School Support Worker recently appointed to support attendance across 6 local schools. Miss Munoz

(P3 teacher for Thursday/Friday) leaving after October break (hoping to have update soon on who is taking over this role). TH successful in new position as Lead Officer for Equalities role for GCC - PC shared congratulations!

- Pupils: 60 P1's enrolled this session. Waiting list for most stages at present, although this changes daily. Advice to parents is to continue enrolling online as first port of call as this is the quickest way to keep numbers accurate & up to date. Enrolment week for next years P1's will take place the first week of November & will be shared widely in local press to remind parents.

- Pupil equity funding: £106,575 this year (with £2469 overspent last year due to additional staffing costs). Plan this session includes employing two Support for Learning Workers, "With Kids" therapist, UTD Sports Coach, Home School Support Worker (Shared cost split between 6 schools), Totnosh Cooking Programme, Developmental P.E., Pinkston Basin (P6's). This leaves approximately £20,000 for additional spending (staffing, trips, unforeseen costs, etc).

- The Den: continues to be used to meet additional support needs. Had to adapt systems/ways of working & allocated staff members support with this which is ever evolving to make sure all needs being met.

- Parent support required: Children with earrings taking part in P.E. causing issues as some are unable to remove earrings themselves & staff are not allowed to help for safety reasons. Toys continually brought into school (squishies in particular) causing disruptions/distractions in class. Increasing number of E-Scooters/E-bikes being brought into school causing fire risk - communication with parents being sent out soon regarding this.
  ACTION: DT/DS Facebook post to remind parents.

- Bike rack: Recent incident caught on CCTV showing someone jumping the fence to steal a child's bike from the bike rack in playground. Currently looking into solutions for this - padlocks or enclosed bike shed. TH drafting emailing to enquire & PC happy to provide statement to support when sending out.

- School upkeep: Hoping to refresh paintwork/design features later in year. Awaiting VVA update before doing so. Paint must be sourced & funded by school - PC support may be requested for this as well as parents/carers who may wish to help paint walls etc.

- Christmas Fayre: Currently pencilled in for 3rd December. Open to suggestions on way of re-doing this as most fundraising comes from the raffle at this & only a small portion from stalls themselves. Stalls proving more difficult to manage with set-up/tidy up time taking over. Suggested keeping class stalls, hot chocolate/treat stalls, fairground games (P7's), choir, photo backdrop along with raffles for class hampers to raise funds. HW suggested Book Fayre returning for this (similar to Parents Evening). HR suggested family Christmas movie night. TH will confer with staff/children to gather suggestions.

4. Chair Update

- Plea put out on Facebook page for more PVG volunteers with no response.

ACTION: DT will share request again on Facebook page.

5. Finance Update

- £2490 current balance in funds (including £400 from GCC's annual payment). CC has put in lets for all discos & AGM. Money transferred for upcoming Autumn disco. Price has now increased to £99 per let which is approximately one third of profit made at discos. No update sent regarding updated charge list.

ACTION: CC will query price increase.

- Easy fundraising raised £47 in total so far (£20.61 available to pay so far with remaining amount payable one retailers approve transactions).

ACTION: CC will work out how to transfer to PC account.

6. Social Media Update
- No new updates/questions.

7. Fundraising & Events Update
- Nothing currently in place but usually Halloween/Christmas themed fundraiser on Facebook before discos. DT setting up over the next couple of weeks. Proving increasingly difficult as no cash/alcohol prizes permitted by GCC.
- Estimate of support required through the year: P7 Leavers Hoodies, P1 Foxes, Paint, Graphics (Murals).
- Suggestions: SH suggested 360 Photo Booth may be available to provide for disco, Christmas Fayre, Sports Day. HW college may be able to provide flowers.
- Local Businesses: All will reach out to request support/vouchers. New local beauty salon recently opened may be worthwhile reaching out to. Hopeful new LIDL will be open by Christmas.

8. Other
- Drop-off point: Still causing safety issues with parents parking on right hand side & middle. Junior Road Safety Officers just completed training. TH will speak to DK to liase with them on how to spread the word. Suggested leaflets for children to hand out to parents in morning. Parking buddies could be used in drop-off point but not enough staff to bring out & take back in each day. CH & HW offered to help on Mon/Tue/Wed mornings. Also suggested purchasing some sort of weight/chain to hold parking buddies in place and leave outside permanently.
- Sports Day: Feedback from children after change in sports day last year proved very positive. Looking to continue this year with a few tweaks.
- P7 prom: Currently being arranged by P7 parents (outwith school).
- Discos: PVG helpers needed.

ACTION: DT will check who is available to help & if we need any more supplies for cupboard.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th November - 6:30pm (Online)

END OF MEETING