

**Antonine Primary School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 7th March 2022
7pm**



Agenda item	Discussion	Actions
1. Welcome & Introductions	<p>Stephanie Broadway-Wedgewood (chair) , welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>In attendance; Mrs McLaughlin (head teacher), Miss Ross (depute head) , Mrs McFarlane , Gary Baillie (vice chair) , Louise Sutherland (head of events), Caitlen Flood (secretary) , Karianne Brunning (treasurer), and four parents.</p>	
2. Apologies	<p>Apologies were received from Julie Chambers and Karen Drummond.</p>	
3. Head Teachers Report	<p>School is very busy at the moment, with lots planned for final term.</p> <p>Assemblies have started back as normal from Monday and all the kids are very happy.</p> <p>Covid guidance for the time being means parents are still not allowed in the school building. Cases have had a natural peak, but that has settled again.</p> <p>There is the hope to have parents at our sports day, but that will be revised at a later date.</p> <p>The P6's have been visiting nursery to see their buddies, with no bubbles currently in place.</p> <p>There is a hope to lift restrictions and get things back to normal – we will need to wait for further guidance to come from Scottish Government.</p> <p>Outbreak of covid in February throughout the school and teaching staff, letters were sent to all classes involved.</p>	

Book fayre is here on Wednesday, all the kids are very excited.

We have £680 left of scholastic vouchers which means we can develop a 'reading spine'.

This will consist of a collection of traditional authors and different books to widen the children's knowledge.

£1000 of school PEF money will be added to this too, bringing the total amount to £1680 to be spent on books for our school.

Each class will get their own tailored box in August 2022 of different books and authors which they can read throughout the year.

Leaflets were sent home with which books will be available to buy for the pupils.

Any profit from the book fayre will then in turn buy new books for the school.

Parents evening seemed to be a success, with telephone appointments proving to be more popular than online.

There was an uptake record high of 88%, compared to only 47% of appointments in October.

There is the question of what future parents night will look like.

Possibility of a hybrid parents evening with some in person appointments, and telephone appointments to suit parents.

This will be reviewed in August 2022 and dependent on any restrictions in place.

School trips have been booked, with the full school going to 5 Sisters Zoo in June.

Buses have been booked. Pupils who are registered as a free school meal will be free. Any other pupils will have the standard ticket charge of roughly £10 or under.

Parent helpers will be needed, with no ticket charge to them.

Letters will be sent out after the Easter holidays.

A school panto has also been booked. The same applies with tickets. Parents will be told of this at a later date.

The school attainment from November - March has been reviewed by Falkirk Council.

All children are looked at individually and we are all happy with the progress being made.

P7 transition is well underway, and the children seem very excited!

The Broomlee trip is fast approaching also.

	<p>The children have now had visits with teachers from Denny High, and they will be sending pupils for a visit to the school. They will ask any collective questions and take pictures to bring back and show the rest of the class.</p> <p>All of the P7's will have their visit to Denny High on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th of June where they make their own way there, and will follow a new timetable to get them ready for 1st year.</p> <p>It is a great experience for the children.</p> <p>The 'P7 leaving do' will be the last Friday before school finishes for summer.</p> <p>P1 enrollments have also been done, placing requests and applications for deferred years are still being processed. There is a possibility of staffing changes due to staff on maternity leave but this information will come to HT after the Easter holidays.</p>	
<p>4. Uniform</p>	<p>The question has been asked whether parents think it would be a good idea to add a royal blue hoodie to the school P.E uniform.</p> <p>It has been noticed that many pupils are still not sticking to school colours for P.E days so the idea of having a school hoodie for pupils to wear was brought up.</p> <p>A hoodie from Trutex would cost around £13.</p> <p>P6 and P7 would have a black hoodie, and P7's would have the option to have their named hoodie all year round.</p> <p>An unbranded royal blue hoodie would be acceptable also. This way it keeps all children in the same school colours.</p> <p>Parent Council parents voiced support for this change. Parents will be informed after the Easter holidays.</p>	
<p>5. Homework</p>	<p>Homework is being monitored, with only 81% of families accessing teams and 19% of families not doing any homework at all. Within the 81% some pupils only visit their homework page sporadically.</p> <p>With a huge amount of teacher effort and sometimes very little return, a parent questionnaire will be offered to find out what parents would like to see in terms of homework.</p>	

	<p>Parents/Carers are asked to give their honest advice.</p> <p>A questionnaire will go out to families after the Easter holidays to shape the homework guidelines for August 2022.</p> <p>Parent council supported less contrived family activities, support basics such as reading and spelling as well as continue to access online websites such as Education City and Heinemann Maths.</p>	
6. Finance	<p>All parents at the meeting had to agree that they knew the mandate was changing.</p> <p>This years 50:50 was not as successful. £420 was raised, half of which went to Yvonne Holloway.</p> <p>The total amount of money raised from Christmas jumpers and Tunnocks Teacakes was £168.05, which takes the current account balance to £3537.87.</p> <p>The Mushroom Trust will be giving us our grant money which will get paid in two halves.</p> <p>The first will be paid this week, and the second will be paid once works starts and pictures of the progress are sent.</p>	
7. Fundraising	<p>Planning for the Spring Fayre is going well. We have lots of great prizes up for grabs.</p> <p>Raffle tickets will be getting sent home with kids this year, with the option to buy more on the gate.</p> <p>Every class will be making something to sell on a stall.</p> <p>Donations for both adults and children are needed in the form of books, teddies, and gifts. Please hand these into the school.</p> <p>Small businesses also have the option to have their own stall.</p> <p>Entrance fee is £1 for adults, and kids are free.</p> <p>The events committee are looking for volunteers for the stalls, please contact Louise Sutherland for more info.</p> <p>Everyone will be informed on whether it will be cash only, or card and cash closer to the date.</p> <p>Flyers with a price list will also be sent out.</p> <p>Karen Drummond has volunteered to take over the events committee from Louise. She will shadow a few events before going solo.</p>	
8. AOB	<p>Car Park</p> <p>The flooding in the car park has been reported numerous times over the years. There is yet to be work completed on this.</p> <p>Stephanie Broadway-Wedgewood to contact Provost Buchannan to see if he can help us to improve this area.</p>	

	<p>Parents are being reminded to park sensibly when dropping off and picking up kids. A few have been blocking the entrance, making it dangerous for children and cars passing by. Letters have been sent out to those affected.</p> <p>Mrs McLaughlin to contact Denny High to find out if they will be supplying high school ties this year. Parents will be notified.</p> <p>Fiona Charleston is going to ask her work to fund a poly tunnel for the school.</p> <p>The next focus for funding will be on new IT smart boards for classes and a tarmac area with seats for older years.</p> <p>Date of next meeting- 2nd May 2022, 7pm.</p>	
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