

Robert Owen Memorial Primary School

Parent Council

Minutes of the meeting held by zoom on 24th March 2022 at 19:30

Welcome

Kathryn welcomed everyone to the meeting including Educational Psychologists Mhari Greenwood and Chloe Howat to speak on Attachment theory.

Present

Kathryn Gartshore, Chair Mrs Thomson, Bronwen Aidoo, Erica Baillie, Vicky Epton, Claire Frood, Claire Orr, Gemma Good, Fiona Barr Kirsty Gray, Laura Black, Natalie Allan, Erin Barrie

Guests Mhari Greenwood, Chloe Howat trainee

Apologies

Jennifer Fisher, Catriona Murdoch, Ina Marshall, Mrs McAllister, Mrs McCallum, Gareth Brown, Gillian Drummond, Jenni Smith, Annie Smith.

Agreement of February minutes

Proposed Gemma Good

Seconded Fiona Barr

School Business

Guest speaker Chloe Howat, Student Educational Psychologist, gave a brief presentation entitled Attachment Strategy for Education Resources. This theory fits well with nurture and behaviour policy and the emotion works work being done in the school. The link will be available if anyone would like to view it and members were requested to complete the survey after the presentation. ROMPS is the first parent council to be listening to the presentation.

Mrs Thomson advised the school is looking at homework, snapshot jotter and other ways of evidencing learning and how they can engage parents. This will be an ongoing development.

It is anticipated that after spring break testing and mask restrictions will be eased.

Mrs Allan advised that ROMPS is now a reading School. This means the school is prioritising reading for pleasure and enjoyment. Congratulations to the school on the hard work to achieve this accreditation.

Parent council Business

Finance updates

Bank balance is £1527.28

Expenses still to pay include ties, T-shirts, summer treat and a cheque of £13.99. The cost of the t-shirts is yet to be finalised as we are awaiting sizes from the P1 parents.

The ties and t-shirts had been agreed at the previous meeting.

Summer Fundraiser

Suggestions received by email for discussion included the following:

Football card, or scratch card fundraiser, virtual bingo, used book sale, family treasure hunt, loose change pictures for the Jubilee, Friday afternoon tuckshop, movie night outdoors, duck race, parent's night out, car boot sale, raffle, car wash.

After discussion and consideration, it was agreed that if restrictions are eased, a movie night could go ahead with two sessions – one for older and one for younger children and a used book sale to be arranged. Details will be confirmed after the holidays and prior to the AGM.

Summer Treat

It had been agreed to provide a summer treat similar to Christmas treat that would cover the whole school. We would be aiming to keep cost at around £200.

Suggestions received included: story telling similar to Christmas with choc ice/ice pole, disco dome for a day (180 pound for 8 hours), petting zoo, (£265 -360), obstacle course (£400) or a barbeque/teddy bears picnic. Mrs Thomson advised that Mrs Jackson will not be in school for the month of June to use the fire pit.

Following discussion hiring Silent Disco headphones will be investigated and arranged for classes to use and this will be finalised via email. This could be combined with the used book sale.

AGM planning

Kathryn advised the google forms that had been sent to the parent council members had a good response.

Chair Kathryn will be standing down and this will be a vacancy. Kathryn advises she is happy to support the new chair.

Secretary, Vice Chair, and Treasurer are happy to be re-elected.

Lets secretary will be standing down and will be a vacancy

Elected members list stands at 14 at present which is a number that fits within the constitution limit of 25. The meetings remain open to anyone to attend but if it came to a vote, it is only elected members that have voting rights as advised by the model constitution from the national parent forum.

Constitution

The constitution can only be amended at an AGM. The only amendment suggested for the AGM was discussed earlier in the session and was to put a quorum for meetings and for the AGM. This amendment will be circulated to the whole parent body by all channels two weeks prior to the AGM as per the existing constitution. The current constitution and the proposed amendment will be circulated.

Planning ahead

Arranging the fundraisers above will hopefully put the Parent Council in a positive position financially prior to the new academic year. The Parent Council will look at future events with Mrs Dunlop to spread events throughout the year and ensure they are run in line with the keeping cost of the school day as low as possible.

P1 T-shirt distribution and P1 parent event can be considered at the AGM. A newsletter introducing the new parent council will be put out after the AGM and this can include the plans for the new year.

Active Agenda

Nothing received.

Next Meeting 17th May Venue to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 20:34