

Robert Owen Memorial Primary School

Minutes of the Parent Council meeting held in the school staff room on 16th January 2024 at 19h30.

Welcome

Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Mrs Ross, Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Dickson, Mrs Allan, Laura Black, Fiona Barr, Erin Barrie, Claire Frood, Kayley Girvan, Gareth Brown, Catherine Travis, Vicky Epton, Jenni Smith, Suzanne Barrie, Anne Coubrough, Lorraine Dick, Catriona Murdoch, Nicola Wilson, Kathrine Gartshore.

Apologies

Ina Marshall, Bronwen Aidoo, Mrs McCallum, Annie Smith, Erica Baillie, Gemma Good, Joanne Harrington, Allan Travis, Mrs Hamilton, Laura McCourt, Vicky Wilson Day, Karen Ramp.

Approval of November minutes

Proposed Fiona Barr seconded Erin Barrie.

Parent Council Business

Finance Update - balance £1424.70

Review of Border Biscuits and Gift Sale

Border biscuit sale profit - £469.00

This is down slightly on last year due to the removal of the classic box and profit margin lower on chocolate boxes. Same number of boxes sold as last year. Agreed that parent council would be happy to participate in this in the future.

Gift sale profit - £468.52

Crafting table with homemade decorations was very popular. It was good to have plastic bags so the children could keep all their gifts together. It was agreed that this was a good fundraiser and worth continuing with. Lots of stock left as the school roll has reduced and this will need to be taking account of when purchasing stock for next year. It was suggested that we start purchasing stock early for this year's gift sale. Possibly set up sub-committee at AGM.

Feedback on Pantomime

Panto expenditure £579.00

Feedback from the school was that it was good to have it at the school and the children could go back to class, if required. There wasn't much feedback on the actual panto.

£25.11 hoodie money received to parent council bank account in error will be repaid to the school.

At next meeting will discuss options for future fundraising. Mrs Ross advised that school funding will reduce as SLC review their budgets. Costs are likely to increase. Any fundraising initiatives welcomed.

Will continue to push the Easy Fundraising and this will be included in the next SWAY.

School Business

Mrs Ross: Introduction and open discussion

Mrs Ross introduced herself to the parent council and outlined her vision for the school.

Children and staff will be surveyed regarding what they would like to see kept, changed and new ideas for the school. Mrs Ross will be looking at the School Improvement Plan, Curriculum Rationale and Staff Training.

Discussion and thoughts on standardised PE kit and school uniform. Particular issues on PE days where children coming into school wearing a variety of clothes and cannot be identified as ROMPS pupils. Also, some concern that some children are losing the ability to be able to get changed themselves, this is being seen when they get to high school. Discussion on shirt/ties and polo shirts. Some parents raised concerns regarding children with sensory issues wearing ties. Survey will be issued to parents on this. Mrs Ross said that the school could consider using some PEF money to subsidise uniform is required as aware of the cost implications for parents.

Lanimer Committee

Lanimer committee is keen to engage new members. Ideas discussed included hosting a coffee morning, requesting support via the Lanimer entry form. A request for helpers will go out in the next SWAY.

Active Agenda

No active agenda items were received.

Next meetings

20th February 2024 on Zoom

25th March 2024 in staff room

23rd May 2024 AGM

Meeting closed at 20:59