

Robert Smillie Memorial Primary Parent Council
Minute of Meeting
04 March 2024 @ 18:00

Present: - Steff H (Chair), Danielle Hampsey (Vice Chair), Nicola Shirkie (Communications), Hayleigh Falconer (Treasurer), Rhona Waugh, Lynn Avis, Roland Peck (Headteacher), Fiona McPherson (Deputy Headteacher)

Apologies: - Kaleigh Hamilton, Laura Tran, Kay Douches, Jessie Frame and Heather Burns

Item		Action
1	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>No issues from previous minutes issued for meeting held 19/02/24</p>	Noted
2	<p>Financial Account</p> <p>Balance of the parent council account was at £2410.</p> <p>The Valentine disco raised £252.25 with no outgoing costs.</p> <p>This takes the balance of the account to £2662.25</p>	Noted
3	<p>Matters discussed</p> <p>Bingo Night – Final arrangements were discussed for the night. Steff confirmed that Liz had agreed to be the bingo caller on the night. Discussion took place on the collection of the remaining donations. It was discussed that some donations would be saved for future events due to the high number kindly received from businesses. Nicola informed PC that the bingo books had arrived.</p> <p>School Trip - PC would like to arrange a school trip for the full school. The aim is to have this at a minimal cost as possible for parents giving the children an educational experience together. Discussions were held in what would be required for this trip to go ahead. Bus costs were discussed as well as volunteers and dates. Miss McPherson advised she would look at the ratio of adults/volunteers that would be required. Steff advised she would contact bus company with the maximum number in order to obtain a quote. This will be further discussed at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Sponsored Litter Pick - It was suggested in order to raise funds that a sponsored litter pick could take place which would involve all the children. South Lanarkshire Council, Land Services were contacted, and they have agreed to provide the equipment required and have agreed to do an uplift of all bags. Dates for this to be confirmed at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>P7 Leavers Hoodies - The leaver hoodies order has been placed and are expected to arrive for Easter Break. This is being paid for out the Parent Council fund.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Place Based Participatory Funding- Steff informed everyone that the Participatory funding applied for would be open for voting on 07 March 2024. The funds for allocation are £27,000 to be used to help new support new and existing projects within Strutherhill and Birkenshaw. Parent Council have asked for £3000 for the school trip to Five Sisters Zoo.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Miss McP/Steff H</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>Head Teacher Report</p> <p>Participatory Budget – Parent Council discussed Equity funding and Participatory Budget. Mr Peck informed there was a total of around £5800 available for funding projects. Parents (including Parent Council), Children and Staff all get to contribute ideas for what they would like this budget to be spent on.</p> <p>Staffing – School have lost a support staff member due to budget cuts throughout South Lanarkshire. Miss Simpson is covering Miss Freeland</p> <p>Attendance/Uniform – Brief discussion was held on the importance of attendance within the school. It was mentioned that at this time of year uniform standards often decline in regards to full uniform being worn and the school want to encourage children to still wear full uniform throughout the full school year. Children should also have full P.E Kit which includes indoor shoes.</p> <p>Upcoming – Mr Peck advised that P1-P3/4 are planning to have an upcoming stay and play event for parents to attend. P4/5-P7 are preparing on an Art Exhibition currently.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Due to school holidays the next PC meeting will be held on 29 April 2024 at 6pm within the school. All parents are welcome to join this meeting and you do not need to be in the Parent Council to attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p>