

Parent Council Meeting Tuesday 29.10.2019 1830

Apologies Gillian Hutchison (chair) and Cllr Dave Doogan

No outstanding actions from last meeting

Financial update

Funds sitting at £1775.42

So far PC have paid for P7 leavers disco, wooden kitchen for early years, cleaners leaving present.

Application for common good fund submitted and will use for buses for panto
Council funding application is in March 2020 Courtney and Gillian to action
proposed financial commitments.

Parent booking system renewed for 1 year at £199 exc VAT needs renewed on 9 th Dec.
Council looking into parent pay version so only renewing for 1 year
Pay by parent council and then reimburse to avoid paying VAT
All and website £600 exc VAT (works out £250 website £400 for app). They are one system. This
payment is due now.

P7 are fundraising throughout year this year
Parent council would still like to give a gift regardless of this.

Head Teacher report – Mrs Lynne Mendes

Improvement plan update

Improvement focus in numeracy and literacy, focus will be in self-regulation and resilience providing
real life experiences.

bike breakfast was successful raising £80 so far still money from stalls etc to be counted. Next time
may arrange lower and upper sessions to avoid big queues
Half of the money is going towards p7 hoodies the other half still to be decided by the children.
P7s will get hoodies for last term if uniforms worn throughout year.

Extracurricular activities

Gymnastics, Glee, Recorder club- Mrs Barr. sports clubs Mr Marshall to be arranged
Modern Apprentice Amy gross motor skills groups, multi sports, jungle journey, netball
Committees are now for every child including IT library group, safety wardens, Health, Eco, Rights
Respecting schools.
Community wardens group split 1-3 and 4-7.

PEF fund self-regulation training Mrs Mendes and Mrs Jones and then further 2 teachers to be
trained.

Christmas show Bethlehem the Musical led by P7s all included (p1 - p7) Elcc will have own show.
Due to low numbers returning in evenings for performances 2 shows during day.

Two days suggested as an option

Church was busy with 2 day shows.

Christmas calendar suggested by Jillian Bruce and currently getting quotes. Prices discussed around

8 -10 rough idea.

Will provide a proof beforehand to see the quality.

The children found out the mystery box item was a spurtle so a porridge breakfast for whole school being held Wednesday morning.

The children showed great creativity by leading their learning the whole term.

Homework has been consulted with staff following feedback from last terms feedback will be sought from parents and children. Currently in progress.

Childcare for future meetings to allow more to attend. Various factors such as shift patterns homework and extracurricular schedules. Suggestion of 2pm so during school day and finished for pick up. Could alternate meetings between times, 2pm, 3.30pm and 6pm

Election of Committee

Election of chairperson, vice, Secretary and treasurer postponed until next meeting

Renaming Parent Council

Parent committee now name in place of parent council decided to go with this as less formal.

Panto (Mrs Mendes)

Pitlochry Trip – A Christmas Carol

Communication has been issued regarding low numbers of panto being paid. No members have heard of any issues.

Halloween Disco

Halloween disco -too late this year to organise

Perhaps an Easter disco/pm party.

Tuck shop suggested

Need parent helpers/volunteers however not forthcoming. Short turnaround can be intense. Other schools charging double our price but not for profit for fun. Can we charge per family?

Class lists an option for sibling report to check as difficult to know who has siblings. Can't process through parentpay as would go to school fund. Seemis will provide a sibling report to be used and can perhaps stay with half price for all siblings like last disco.

Fundraising info

Donation of 240 water bottles from Highland spring secured.

Haribo and swizzels contacted.

Popcorn also mentioned as option

Previous years been Haribo due to allergens.

Fruit for return journey to be arranged, contacting tesco crieff road. (Claire)

Playground- large container obtained but unfortunately too costly to restore as in poor condition.

Wooden outdoor structure, prices around 14k other options looked at such as 2k for structure and then den building equipment to be used by children to create space.

Perth academy had used tesco tokens so will look into how they achieved this.

Letham were successful with a 10k fund for garden we applied but didn't meet criteria.

Cllr Rebbeck mentioned council community investment fund and schools can't apply for this but parent committees can. Cllr Rebbeck to look into and forward info to Mrs Mendes.

January is deadline for applications.

Common good fund can also be applied for twice.

Playground

Playground equipment being found in playground by parents. Children do have responsibility to tidy away on 1st bell and are generally good at doing this. Possible classes using equipment. Mrs Mendes to chat to staff regarding this.

Community Wardens have provided phone numbers to contact if any vandalism etc

AOB

1st November whole school mass

Halloween not dressing up/ celebrating as not usually something school does

Parents to know what is involved and expected, poster perhaps?

Election of posts postponed - chairperson role can be shared however would need one name for accounts purposes.

next meeting tbc

Bring a friend, spread the word.

Christmas hampers - school will arrange these again as worked well last year.