



Lasswade Primary School

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LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – MON 5 Sept 16 MINUTES

Present:

Laura Cameron, Karla Pearce, Johanne Watson, Lynsey Binnie, Ann Morrison, Iain Gosman, Steve Clark, Sharon Connelly, Gwen Lewis, Leigh Millar, Rene Dryden, Kirsty McGregor, Sarah Falconer, Rachel Kemp, Alan Crowe, Andy Oag, Lesley Scott, Neil Milliken

Apologies:

Michelle Kersh, Lynn Hill

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted as accurate.

FUNDRAISING

Future Meetings and AGM

AGM : Confirmed as Monday 26th September at 6.30pm. P1 & P2 will be singing beforehand. Sharon to check supplies in the cupboard.

Meetings confirmed for:

Monday 26th September after the AGM

Monday 7th November

Monday 20th February 2017

Meetings for LGT TBC

Social Night : 12th December 2016, Beetroot suggested. TO BE BOOKED

Office Bearer positions

After discussions the following people put forward their name for the various positions. Head teacher, Chair and Treasurer reports to be prepared along with agenda and minutes from previous AGM. Ann to step down as chairperson but keep uniforms.

Chairperson : Iain

Vice-Chair : Ann

Treasurer : Steve

Secretary : Sharon

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Events agreed at present:

Tea & Coffee : carry on serving before assemblies/learning cafés. This year classes have signed up to one assembly and one learning café. Karla/Laura to provide dates to arrange cover.

Coffee drop-in sessions to be held during the year, to enable parents to come in and chat with the management team/other parents. Looking at one or two a term and will be held on different days/times to maximum coverage. Laura to provide dates.

Halloween/Autumn Fancy Dress Disco : Wednesday 26th October

The disco times are P1 to P3 6.00-7.00pm and P4 to P7 7.30-8.30pm.

Disco – Ann to DJ

Tickets – Cost £2.50 which includes refreshments

Iain suggested the possibility of approaching a business to sponsor prizes.

Action:

- Sharon to submit LET form
- Sharon to produce flyer and tickets with registration lists
- Steve to purchase juice and snacks (Lollies/Pombears/Walkers)
- Ann to buy Prizes for Best Dressed P1-P7 and Best Dancers (Books/Stickers/Colouring book)

Christmas Fair : Saturday 3rd December am @ Lasswade High School

Due to availability of the High School the Fair is being held on a Saturday again. Availability was limited and only date available around the time we normally hold. Santa has been booked for the event. Details to be discussed at next two meetings.

LET form has been submitted to the High School with table plan to follow.

Calendars – Leigh to check with Lisa if Chris is willing to take photos. Iain has kindly agreed to print again. School to arrange dates with Lisa for the photos.

Christmas Cards - Everyone keen to have the cards again. School has asked for volunteers to help check pictures etc before sending them to print.

Chick Drive - 21st March 2017 at LPS

LGT – June 2017 : Laura to check possible dates around P7 transition events. To be held at the High School.

Blingo – Karen has offered to run the Blingo night again. April/May suggested.

Dress Down Days – It was discussed how a number of dress down days could be held during the year. The proceeds from this going half to Charity (Alison Adams aiming to raise £7,000 for Butterfly Tree Foundation possibly) and half to school/parent council to fund tombola/prizes etc.

Tea towels, mugs and Easter parades also discussed.

ECO Bottles & Easyfundraising

Ingrid no longer has a child at the school and has handed back in all the bottles. A volunteer required to take ownership of them and orders etc.

Volunteer required to send out updates and reminders for using Easyfundraising when buying online. Rachel thought that there was now an app for this.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Overview of improvement Plan

Laura discussed the Improvement Plan and explained the focus for the coming year. Some of these have areas have been flowed down from the ASG (Health & Well Being and Achievement & Moderation between schools). The school also have their own focuses (raising attainment in literacy, developing ethos/promoting positive behaviour & celebrating successes).

Karla has introduced Accelerated Reading and Big Bedtime Read within the nursery and school. The aim is for every child to love reading and to read for pleasure. They can pick there own book within a range and then take a comprehension test at the end to ensure that they have understood the book. The school has invested £5,000 in AR, new books and creating reading areas within each wing etc.

As Lynsey and Eilidh have been on a Science Residential course over the summer, the school has decided not to use Generation Science this year. They have asked instead that monies are used to purchase more books as a wide range of books are needed as well as shelves, covers, cushions etc.

Neil agreed to build bookcases and volunteers were asked to paint these.

Buildings

Following the consultation for extra school places, the council acknowledge that the parents at the school did not want a 3 stream school, as it can't be justified with the current catchment area. Surveyors who have been around assessing the building have indicated that the school could not be extended, and that currently there is not enough space per child. Any alternative would be at least two years away. The council is still checking the field for mines etc. The roots from the tree has cracked the pipes for the Ladies toilets and dishwasher. This can't come down whilst the pigeons are still in it.

Discussed whether a joint petition should be made to the council.

Parking

Cones have been placed at the back of the school where the zig-zag lines are to be extended. Lines are the front of the school have already been extended. The consultation is to happen shortly for the Safer Street campaign with letters going out to parents and residents.

Parent Reps

Rene is preparing a slide to be used at the Meet the Teacher event explaining the role of the parent rep. One rep per class to hold email address and they would disseminate information to other parents.

Accounts Update

Accounts still to be audited up to 31st May 2016. Bank account currently sits at £4k. Estimated profit figures for the Summer Fair £680 and Raffle £270.

AOB

The council agreed to make a contribution towards the pantomimes again. Currently the cost for p1-2 is £11 and p3-7 is £12. The school is looking at the possibility of attending every other year and getting a company into the school the year not attending the panto, in order to keep the cost

down.

Unused desks are being delivered to school and p1's are already using recycled chairs.

The date of the next meeting and AGM is Monday 26th September 2016