



Meeting: 19 November 2014 Minutes

Parent Council [PC] Members Present: Jacqueline Allan; Fraser Lovie; Katrina McKay; Colin Milne; Victoria Oumarou; Tony Rafferty; April Schelbert; Sarah Smith; Amy Wilson.

Staff Members Present: Alison Thomson (Head Teacher); Fiona Hubert (Depute Head Teacher).

Eco Group Members Present: Cathryn Lovie; Kaitlyn Milne.

Apologies: Christine Davidson; Alissa Galbraith; Frances Henderson-Thynne; Moira Milne; Donna Polson; Mark Sambrook; Cllr Angela Taylor; Laura Thom; Stuart Young.

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The meeting was opened at 18:33 by the Secretary, Victoria Oumarou, who welcomed everybody and thanked them for their presence. The agenda was approved and apologies were offered.

2. ECO GROUP

The Eco Group representatives shared a presentation of their recent and planned activities. There are many positive and exciting initiatives; Parent Council members were delighted to be involved in moving things forward.

***Action point 1:** Alison Thomson to email all parents and carers with key points about the Eco Group's work.

3. ACCOUNTS

With the Treasurer, Stuart Young, having sent apologies, the Accounts will be offered at the next meeting.

4. CLASS REPS

The full complement of Class Reps for this year is yet to be established.

***Action point 2:** Victoria to send out a grid, with 1 Rep needed for each Year Group.

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

A meeting on this topic, including Alison, Tony Rafferty and other parents, was very positive. The strategy links in well with the School Improvement Plan.

***Action point 3:** Alison to put this out to the wider Parent Forum.

6. SCHOOL MEALS

As of January 2015 there will be free school meals available for all P1-P3 pupils. This offer is an entitlement but not an obligation; parents and carers will have the choice of their child participating or not in school meals.

7. FOOD DRIVE

This was a good collaboration between Parent and Pupil Councils, with a great response overall. There will be an Assembly on 23 January 2015; a representative from Parent Council is invited to attend.

8. CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Parent Council are happy and active in organising the annual Santa's Grotto.

***Action point 4:** *This year's Primary 7 pupils will start a 'Legacy Project' and, before they leave in the Summer, will build a new fireplace for the Grotto.*

***Action point 5:** *Helpers are required to set up and man the Stall. Thanks to all for their participation.*

9. TRAINING

There continues to be a wide training schedule from ACC.

***Action point 6:** *Tony to look into Treasurer training for Stuart Young.*

10. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOW-UP

Mark Sambrook has passed on the relevant information to Amy Wilson who is now developing a conversation with the developers.

Reflector bands still need to be handed out.

***Action point 7:** *Amy to continue dialogue with developers.*

***Action point 8:** *School to distribute the reflector bands.*

11. CAR PARK

Mark has emailed Robertson's about the school car park signage and the possibility of opening the Astroturf gate outwith school hours.

12. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Concert will be performed twice on 08 December, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Families will receive tickets next week, for one performance. Numbers will be limited in respect of capacity in the Hall.

13. CHRISTMAS CARDS

The cards designed by the children should be back to families by the beginning of December.

14. SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and family photos are scheduled for 05 December. This timing is in response to feedback from Parent Council last year, and photos should now be scheduled annually at this time. The visit from the Evening Express photographer for the Primary 1 First Class feature passed well on the day; School noted, however, an irregularity in communication from the paper prior to the visit.

15. HOMEWORK

The School has a positive approach to offering the right homework for each child, meeting their individual needs and interests.

***Action point 9:** *Jacqueline Allan to meet with Alison Thomson and team to explore positive homework strategies.*

The meeting was concluded by Victoria at 19:43, with thanks to all for their participation.

The next Airyhall School Parent Council Meeting: Wednesday 14th January 2015, 18:30.

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