St Andrews Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 5th October 2017

Minutes

Attending: Audrey McDonald, Helena Kelly, Marie Paul, Clare McCallum, Elaine Murphy, Mhairi Stewart, Amy Sutherland, Aga Bien, Clare Black

Apologies: Nicola Laing, Eirini Theofanidou, Hannah Bishop, Katherine Malone, Isla Hunt, Diane Nicholas.

Previous minutes reviewed and agreed by Marie Paul and second Audrey McDonald

Head Teachers report:

Clare thanked the parent council for the refreshments and support at the open morning on the 29th. Over forty parents attended and parent feedback was very positive.

Unfortunately Shelagh Brookes is still unable to return to work, which has had a significant impact on staff, with only cover being provided by Midlothian twice a week at the moment. The secondment for the post has now been advertised and hopefully will be recruited to full time soon.

The community room, where families will have space to come and meet with various professionals or support workers has now been opened and already being utilised.

Treasurer’s report:

The new treasurer appointed is Audrey and she is awaiting the accounts from Erini. Marie and Audrey have applied for online banking which will streamline account information in the future.

Parish council rep:

Some parents had approached Helena regarding P3 being presented for first confession. Mhairi confirmed that this was a diocesan decision and P3/4 will make their first confession. P4 First Holy Communion and P7 Confirmation.

Matters arising:

Parents have highlighted that children are not having time to eat all of their packed lunch. Discussion took place regarding potential solutions. Clare to implement a trial of children having packed lunch to access the hall earlier.

Chip shop collection: Clare has been unable to find out any more.

Class hamper money: Marie to collect the cheque tonight

Display board: Ongoing

Sports Top: Everyone agreed and Marie will order 10 of each size to fit P5, 6, 7.

Drop off point: Marie will write to Midlothian council and Debbie Hunter to try and influence the restoration of the drop off point to alleviate parking pressure.

Behavioural cards: Parents have highlighted some inconsistency with behaviour cards; Clare will discuss at the staff meeting and reassure parents that the school aim is to have consistency with this approach.

Bake off: 27th October 11-12 to enable afternoon nursery to attend. Flyers prepared by Marie and will be sent out week ending 13/10 and week beginning 23/10. Helena to email Father Allan to see if he would judge. Other judges include Jim Muirhead, Marie’s mum and friend, Hammy the lollipop man and Clare’s mum as a church rep.

Everyone agreed on £5 Prize for each class.

Halloween Confirm the Halloween parties will go ahead on Monday 30th October. Nursery – P3 6-7pm then p4-7 7.30-8.30PM. Clare to find out if we have staff helpers. Marie to ask Marilyn and Jean to judge the best pumpkin. Tuck shop will be available. Children will get a juice, crisps and small sweet on the way home. Parent council will meet separately to discuss games/supplies. Staff to put forward ideas for games by 26th October.

Christmas fair: Date confirmed Thursday 7th December. Further meeting on 30th November to plan.

AOCB: Thursday 2nd November 6.30-7.30pm