



James Aiton Parent Council Meeting

Date...Sept 5th 2023

Members Present: Elsa Morton Jolene MacPhee Nicola McCallum *Kim Mclaughlin*

Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

Co Secretary

Kerry McGhee (headteacher) Stacey Simpson Katrina Cabrey Anne Rae Lorraine McKendrick

Sarah Weightman

Members

Not present:

New Members Natalie Esson

Teacher Representatives Mrs Ogilvie (new Principal Teacher) Miss Hood, Mrs Wilson

Welcome All

Minutes from last meeting:

minutes from last meeting passed by all.

Correspondence: PC Insurance renewal. Evaluation for Pony rides. Xmas card competition.. is there 2 types – Elsa applied for a diff one?

Head Teacher News/Update:

SEE ATTACHED BELOW

Finance Update:

Balance brought Forward: Finance updated not available at time of writing minutes (still missing from last month too).

In: £0

Out: Zoom subscription - £15.59

Closing Balance:

Sensory Room Grant from Persimmon Homes - £1000 (Ring Fenced for this purpose only)

Spendable balance:

AOCB:

Mrs Ogilvie. Has been looking into items for Sensory Room. List of items from Ikea and ?Findle. Items like blackout blinds and egg chairs. List handed to NMCC. Parent Council will try and source similar items but cheaper.

Elsa ...Family Funday. Monies not yet totalled so unclear if actually made and money but was more about welcoming new P1s and bringing people together.

Sarah... Thomas requested if PC could purchase a new electric pump to use for playground toys. PC discussed this would be fine.

Open discussion on how to promote PC.

Suggestions: Renaming PC, highlight that coming to a meeting does not automatically mean you are on parent council – current board positions are full. .Putting minutes on Facebook so parents/guardians can read what we talk about.

Halloween Disco Tuesday 24th Oct

Need more helpers – post put on Facebook for helpers. Will split into upper and lower school as previous.

Penny Wars

Starting soon and run to November. Post on Facebook updating rules as complaints made last time.

Family Christmas Kahoot Quiz 6th December

Mrs Mcghee will host this. Need Raffle prizes, Christmas props etc. Sold lots of tickets the last time and needed more tables. Can we keep tighter control of number so better organised for this (Stacey).

Tuck Shop– complaints last time was all sugary sweets. No Crisps or biscuits. Can we get more savoury items if possible (Nicola).

Lending Library

Elsa will work with Mrs Ogilvie to set this up.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 3rd Oct 2023



Parent Council Meeting
5th Sept 2023
Head Teacher's Report

***Welcome to new and returning members - thank you for your support.
A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising a very successful Back to School BBQ on the first week of term - great opportunity to welcome everyone back and for us to network with new families.***

Session 2023-2024

The school term has got off to a good start; the children are settling in well and adapting to their new class environment.

A warm welcome to Mrs Ogilvie, our new Principal Teacher who has responsibility for leading P1-3, including ASN and Nursery Transition. We would also like to welcome Miss Bogucu (NQT) and Mr Morrell who will be covering for Miss Huskie's Maternity Leave.

Standards and Quality/School Improvement Plan

Our Standards and Quality Report has now been published on our school website; detailing the successes of last session. This has also informed our new School Improvement Plan for this session. We have identified 4 key priorities:

- Developing Health and Wellbeing across the school community.
- Ensuring we have a progressive and enjoyable curriculum for all learners, with a greater emphasis on outdoor learning, play and digital technology.
- Working alongside schools in Learning Community to develop shared standards and expectations of Writing at all stages.
- Monitoring attendance and timekeeping.

Pupil Equity Fund

This year, we were allocated £57,000 Pupil Equity Fund.

£33, 000 has been allocated to staffing to allow us to continue to provide nurturing interventions 3 days per week.

Approx £4, 000 to develop Play

Approx £16, 000 to develop inclusive libraries and top up reading books

5% allocated to pupils/parents to decide - Participatory Budgeting - trips, buses, clubs, etc.

Council Savings 2023-2026 - impact budgets - buses, clubs, resources, etc.

Coming Up...

Nurture Groups - established after September weekend

Nurture by Nature - Wed pm
Come Learn with Us! Meet the Teacher - 6.9.23
Young Sports Leaders Training - 14.9.23
School Clubs - paid coach, staff clubs - tbc
Rookie Rockstars - 28.9.23 (evening)
Photographer - Tempest - 11.10.23
P7 Sky Academy - 11.10.23 pm
Parents' Evening (12th Oct)
Class Assemblies - monthly
Christmas Market - 1.12.23
Flu Vaccine 7.12.23
Nativity 13.12.23

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