



Minutes of Auchengray Primary Parent Council Meeting & AGM

20th September 2017

Attendees:

Parents - Adela Keenan, Claire Dunbar, Stuart Crighton, Marnie Jones, Heather Wilson, Moira Marshall, Gayle Robertson. Staff - Carol Pennock (Head Teacher). Other - Councillor Richard Lockhart.

1. Apologies

Jenny Crighton, Susan Peter, Councillor McClymont.

Claire opened the meeting at 7pm and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Previous meeting minutes were noted (Adela Keenan) and approved (Stuart Crighton).

3. Chairperson's Report

Claire presented the Chairperson's Report, drawing attention to how the Parent Council meetings have been run. Claire concluded that the Parent Council has had a successful year, securing grants and receiving donations from various sources, which funded items such as laptops and tracksuits. Claire thanked those parents who have provided further support to the school throughout the year, as well as the wider parent forum. Please refer to the attached Chairperson's Report for further detail.

4. Treasurer's Report

Stuart presented the accounts for the term 2016 - 2017. The bank account has a balance of £1438.38. A cheque would be written immediately for another laptop, and an educational magazine for the school.

5. Election of new members to the Parent Council

The following members were elected:

Moira Marshall (Chairperson), Stuart Crighton (Treasurer). No Secretary or Vice Chair were elected.

Those present agreed to invite nominations for a Secretary and Vice-Chair, by email, from the wider parent group. Parent Council member Marnie Jones will be added as a signatory for the bank account, with Moira, in due course. Stuart Crighton and Lorna Nicol (Principal Teacher) will remain signatories. It was not possible to review the Constitution, due to the vacancies on the Parent Council. This will be reviewed as soon as a Secretary and a Vice Chair have been appointed.

6. Head Teacher's Report

Carol presented the Head Teacher's Report, and discussed the School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Funding. The Standards & Quality Report leaflet will be available soon to all parents, and a letter from HMIE will be sent in the coming weeks, with the findings from this month's inspection. Carol advised that Mrs Nicol will be on leave due to illness until 20th October, and that a replacement teacher (Miss Laurence) has been taking the class. Carol discussed the various activities that have been taking place at the school in recent weeks, and mentioned some upcoming events, e.g. the Harvest Festival, school swimming and the Christmas show and party. There was a brief discussion about the school uniform supplier. Those present agreed that changing to a local supplier would be more convenient and cheaper for parents would be wise. Please refer to the attached Head teacher's report for further detail.

7. Forward Planning & Matters Arising

Funding

All present agreed that resources required for this term will require to be identified before applications for funding can be organised. Claire advised that there are several streams of funding available.

Ceilidh

The Parent Council will assist the school in organizing a fund-raising ceilidh, to be held in Tarbrax Village Hall on 1st December. Moira and Claire will look for a ceilidh band, and a working group to organise this event (catering, tickets, raffle, etc) will meet nearer the time. WATIF have offered a £500 events grant.

Playground

Claire mentioned that there are still ongoing issues in the school grounds, which have still not been rectified by the contractor (MW Groundworks). Carol confirmed that the grounds are still to be adopted by the council. Councillor Lockhart agreed to contact the Schools Modernisation Team, to intervene in holding the contractor to account, in an effort to improve the playground. Marnie advised that WATIF are able to help with the sandpit repair, and will liaise with them. Claire had approached the Woodland Trust (Free Trees project) for free trees for the playground, should there be a need at any point.

Road Safety

Stuart outlined the community request for road safety measures in Auchengray in recent months. Due to council budgetary constraints, it is still not possible for the desired measures to be taken. In the meantime, the school has agreed to involve the children in a fun project to create either a scarecrow or a flower pot man, in high-vis clothing, to be situated outside the school, at the roadside.

Nomination for Education Resources Committee

It was not possible to present this idea as the full Parent Council has not yet been elected.

8. AOB

Another order for the P1-P7 summer photograph (by Marnie) will be made. Bike proficiency will start in spring 2018. The next Parent Council meeting was set for Wednesday 24th January 2018. **CD 23/09/17**