

Parent Council – Minutes of Meeting 03.11.16

Attendees: Lucy Brown, Anita Buchan, Alison Patterson, June, Kacy Bartram

Apologies: Naomi Murphy, Ann Brown

1. Minutes of previous meeting – agreed.
2. Fundraising report – Bags for school raised £166, still awaiting totals from recipe books.
 - Christmas Fayre was discussed and preparation is underway. Parent Helpers are meeting to finalise plans.
 - Photo booth was also mentioned and wondered if it was worth continuing this year? Suggestions included moving the location to a corner in a classroom and letting children wear Christmas jumpers rather than school uniform.
 - Prizes for Fayre was also discussed – children quite liked punch balloons and inflatables so check stock and order more if needed.
 - Christmas cards fundraiser for next year – Lucy informed the council that her husband's online card company could match the prices with this year's fundraising Christmas cards and offer a bigger donation for the school. She also said the company would be able to offer more choice e.g. snow globes.
3. Head teacher Report – Mrs Patterson went through the school roll, staffing and diary for the current term.
 - It was brought the councils attention that the staffing will be changing as Mrs Ross is leaving to go on secondment to the dyslexia unit so Mrs Geddes would be full time in p6/7 and Mrs Patterson would cover p5/6 for probationer relief – this would be expected to last till end of term 2 at least. The part time position has been advertised and the school are awaiting any applicants.
 - The schools Christmas services were discussed where children would be showcasing their Christmas movie and selling refreshments and singing carols. Lisa Ruth has also been invited to come along and talk at the services.
4. Treasurers Report – currently £1060-ish in bank. Awaiting payment of £260 (confirmed in email not statement). Roughly £1500 to be paid to school.
5. Correspondence Received – none
6. AOCB –
 - Asked about when panto dates would be confirmed. Mrs Patterson replied that usually the panto are quite late in confirming panto dates but she will inform parents as soon as she knows.
 - Mrs Brown mentioned the lack of parents attending the council and was looking for suggestions in trying to get more parents involved. Suggestions included using the Parent Council Facebook page to share dates and times. It was also mentioned about sending out a text via the school to parents as a gentle reminder of the upcoming meeting. Mrs

Buchan told the group that it costs 4p to send a text so Mrs Patterson would evaluate the costs and see if it is sustainable.

- Mrs Patterson had wondered about creating a school Facebook page as a way of sharing information for the parents out with the parent council and would enquire to Naomi (administrator of parent council Facebook page) about this.

7. Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm