

RATHEN SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2017

@ RATHEN SCHOOL

6.30PM

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Cllr Doreen Mair

Cllr Charles Buchan

Mrs Patterson (Headteacher of Rathen School)

Lucy Brown (Chairperson)

Naomi Murphy (Treasurer)

Pauline Milne (Secretary/School Fundraising Committee Member)

Anika West (School Fundraising Committee Member)

Lynn Dougan (School Fundraising Committee Member)

Anne Bowie (School parent)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AT MEETING:

Cllr Andy Kille

Cllr Brian Topping

Lorna Rollo (School Fundraising Committee Member)

1 Agree minutes from previous meeting –

Lucy Brown agreed the Minutes from the previous Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 18th May 2017 and Anne Bowie seconded. Minutes from the previous Parent Council Meeting on 20th September 2017 have still to be distributed and agreed.

2 Fund-Raising Report –

- £177.20 raised from the recent Bags to School Event.
- Fancy Dress Disco arranged for Friday 10th November 2017 at the Rathen Public Hall 6pm-8pm.
- The Rathen School Christmas Fayre has been arranged for Friday 1st December 2017.
- A Rathen School 2018 Calendar is being compiled. Companies are being offered an advert on the calendar - £50 standard advert or £75 premium advert. Calendar will have 14 premium and 14 standard adverts.
- The pupils at the school are being asked to do a Christmas Drawing during school time. The drawings can then be made into Christmas Cards, Gift Tags, Ceramic Mugs, Coasters and Cleaning Cloths for glasses. Parents/guardians will receive an order form and can purchase items if they wish.

3 Treasurers Report –

As per report – given to everybody at meeting.

Current balance in account is £1559.

Payments out –

£931 from Headteacher's Wish List of Sept 2017

£1200 from the Headteacher's Wish List of 2016-2017 for accelerated reader subs which were in excess of £3000. We still have £1000 remaining to pay from the 2016-2017 Wish List.

Payment In - £177.20 Bags to School.

4 Head Teacher Report

As per report – given to everybody at meeting.

School has currently 70 pupils

Staffing / Visiting Specialists/ After School Clubs/ parent/Grandparent Helpers/ Diary/

Upcoming Events listed.

5 Correspondence Received

None

6 Cheque Signatories Review –

New cheque signatories still to be confirmed with Bank.

7 AOCB-

- Lucy Brown agreed to send a letter to Aberdeenshire Council ref the situation with Visiting Specialist Teachers at Rathen School, after Cllr Doreen Mair advised it would be a good idea.
- Lucy Brown questioned the current school role of 70 pupils, and asked if any teachers will be at risk. Mrs Patterson replied that the School currently has enough teachers for 72 pupils. If the school role dropped to 68, then a teacher may be at risk.
- Anika West and Pauline Milne questioned the Insurance which the Fundraising Group has for holding Events. Mrs Patterson checked with Donna Wilson, the Education Support Officer for Aberdeenshire and the Fundraising Committee are fully insured through the school's insurance. If a parent wishes to leave a child unattended at an Event organised by the Fundraising Committee a Waiver Form, has to be completed by the parent/guardian.
- The email addresses which Lucy Brown has, to send out correspondence relating to this group, have to be confirmed before the next meeting.

8 Next Meeting of the Rathen School Parent Council was agreed and will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 6.30pm.

