

Culter School Parent Council

Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at Culter Primary School

Attendees and apologies

Attendees:

Chair	Julia Crighton (JC)
Vice-chair	
Secretary	Kit Macleod (KM)
Jessie Greig (JG)	
Susan Chalmers (SC)	
Kevin Roberts (KR)	
Sarah Olaleye (SO)	
Karen Ingles (KI)	

Apologies:

Rachel Preece (RP), Steve Whyte (SW), and Claire Macleod (CM).

1) Chair's report

1.1 We are struggling with parent council members: despite the leaflet drop at the open day, and appeals for support, including through social media. Real concerns about the future of the Parent Council. KR we could place minutes on the school website, KM they are on the school website. JC we are unable to encourage other people onto the Parent Council. JG in every newsletter, we thank the parent council. SO not sure the parent forum knows that the essential fundraising the parent council carries out. JG yes communication is an issue, we promote it at the P1 parents meeting and curriculum meeting.

1.2 Blinds bought by the parent council (and Casket) have transformed the rooms. The new decking in the nursery garden is looking fantastic.

1.3 JC asked JG to set out a summary of fundraising benefits of the Parent Council.

1.4 JG suggested we could consider other meeting times e.g. during the day or after school.

1.5 At the book fair, kids loved helping. KR maybe ask them to bring parents along to help.

1.6 Fundraising: the recent toy fayre raised £475, and the Heritage hall afternoon tea raised £500.

1.7 The main expenses were for the new decking. JC asked JG for a photo of the decking for the Courier. We have also bought scientific calculators for all the P7 leavers. SC will put labels on the calculators: saying from the school.

1.8 At the Village Gala the Parent Council stall will sell candyfloss and popcorn, and have a teddy tombola and skittles.

1.9 JG asked for money to pay for First aid training.

1.10 SW has just been given a £500 donation from Foundation Scotland for the school.

1.11 JG is looking to get outdoor activities equipment, for outdoor learning. JG some money from the school and would welcome money from the Parent Council.

1.12 KR we were given a donation of drinks glasses from Tesco.

2) Treasurer's report

2.1 We have about £4500 in the bank, plus money raised at the Village Gala and Sports Day.

3) Head's report

3.1 School improvement plan (24 pages of links to other plans e.g. Scottish Government, who is going to monitor it etc). Kids were asked, and they come up with great ideas. Four priorities:

- Improve assessment & moderation throughout the curriculum
- Provide a wider range of activities to promote active lifestyles
- Improve children's Health & Wellbeing
- Develop the Young Workforce

3.2 Good lunchtime clubs. P7 are running a football club to raise money for their show.

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- 3.3 Sharing wider achievements. We will continue with the Jazz awards, this includes the years deciding what award to aim for.
- 3.4. Improve children's health and wellbeing. Parent session on 12th June; running a mental health session later that evening with parents, run by a charity- Sparks.
- 3.5 Next year the focus is on sex education. Need to look at resources (Scotland wide) we could use. This area includes nursery to P7.
- 3.6 Developing workplace. Work with Skills Scotland in an online to match up children's skills and interests, with the range of jobs. Invite a range of people to visit the school to talk about their jobs. Extending these experiences with the children.
- 3.7 JC asked about cycling proficiency. JG we have the dates (and someone available to teach it), and a letter will go out soon.
- 3.8 JG AGM in September, JC Chairperson will step down.
- 3.9 JG talked about how great the projector and AV equipment was.
- 3.10 Sorting out numbers for next year, P1 enrolment information is slowly coming in through new online application system. JG lucky we have good teachers, who want to stay at this school.
- 3.11 A recent advert for a principal teacher provided 12 applications (which is good).
- 3.12 Parent council said thanks to JG and SC.
- 3.13 JG door is always open to the pupils and they make full use of this.

4) Fundraising

- 4.1 JC maybe ask Cala about outdoor items and ask them if they want to talk to the pupils; JG can we ask SW to write them a letter.

5) AOB

- 5.1 Next meeting (AGM) is Thursday 26th September.