



St Andrew's Parent Council (StAPC) – Minutes of 12th November 2019

Present:- Alison Reid (AR) – Chair, Rachael Moar (RM) – Secretary, Lianne Henry (LH) – Treasurer, Laura Booth (LB), Heather Thomson (HT), Mrs Kirkness – Teacher Representative, Mr Taylor, (MT)

Apologies: Jenny Rosie, Karen Foubister 2, Steve Sanke, Andrew Drever & Norman Craigie

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting held on 08.10.19.

The minutes of the meeting held on 08.10.19 were read, approved and proposed by AR and seconded by LB.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 08.10.19

Jenny Rosie will no longer be our teacher representative but Margaret Kirkness has kindly stepped in instead.

AR has written a draft letter to James Wylie which she will circulate around the Parent Council before sending. We've not heard back from Gaby Barnby to see if she has written her personal letter to the Council.

Steve Sanke is unable to attend our meeting so MT gave us an update of the timeline for the new build. MT has met with James Wylie, Peter Diamond and Ian Rushbrook. The costing for the new build has gone up from 3.3 million to nearer 4 million. It is nearly 3 years on since the costing was done and now prices will have gone up. There is also extra costs for the septic tank and sprinkler system for the new build. The old part of the school need to be refurbished also along with replacing toilets and windows.

Ian Rushbrook had thought that the work would be out to tender by the end of the year.

We need plans for the outdoor play space as it is getting smaller. In 1995 there were fewer than 100 pupils and now we have 171 so the children need somewhere to run around at break time.

MT has been speaking with Emma Gee to see if there is any art funding for the new build.

The PC will write to the council to see what they say about the timeline as we should have been complete in February 2020.

The Christmas cards have been ordered through the school and waiting for the order to arrive. The parent council will write to thank the school office and the art teachers for their hard work.

Michelle Morris is looking to see if we can order some more tea towels but the company are prioritising the Christmas crafts first.

The school disco is all set for Tuesday 03.12.19 with the P1-P3 disco running from 6pm-7pm and the P4-P7 classes from 7.15pm-8.30pm. Alan Garriock will be our DJ for the evening; LT will get a thank you bottle for Alan. LT has also offered to get crisps, chocolate and juice for the disco. We will arrange a sub group meeting to finalise arrangements. The cost of the disco will be £3.00.

The school Christmas show will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December 2019. We have decided to have one raffle this year for each show and having a luxury hamper as a top prize for each draw.

The Parent disco will be held in Matchies on 29th February 2020. We will have a subcommittee to go over the finer details. At present Alan Garriock has offered to be the DJ at no cost.

The tote bags that Michelle Morris is organising is coming together she has the templates for each class. MT was going to discuss the finer details with Michelle

The family photo sessions are £5 per family sitting which we would keep the cost and also 10% of the photo sales.

Our Liability insurance is paid now and up to date with Connect.

Gaby Barnby has stepped down from her football duties due to personal commitments. We now need to a new representative from the footballer's parents to liaise with the school office, the football coaches and parents.

The school is still looking for a chess coach to take over from Ray Knox. Ray is willing to do a hand over with the new coach. We will ask for any helpers through the school and VAO.

AR and MT attended a Parent Council/Head Teacher meeting and are looking to arrange an afternoon/evening to offer support to parents so they can then help their child in school, with homework and home life. Suggestions for the talks would be Sleep Scotland, Mindfulness, Screen times etc. MT will draft a letter/questionnaire to go out to parents.

The school has been looking into their Behaviour Policy which came from the 2018 school review local authority school improvement officers. Working with the pupil council the school now has a Positive Relationship Summary which is broken in to 3 parts, Ready (to learn), Respect (for all) and Safe (and responsible). This is being rolled out in the school and will be a journey for the pupils and teachers. As there is a shortfall in the support for learning this measure should help with any problems before they become a bigger issue.

There were too few members to take a photo again at this meeting; we will try again when we have more members and some of the councillors too.

Actions:-

AR – to circulate draft letter to James Wylie

To find out more about Sleep Scotland

RM – to write to school office and art teachers

To write thank you letter to Alan Garriock

Will put note around to get helpers for disco and Christmas Shows

To ask office to ask parents for raffle prizes for Christmas Shows

To put note to office for advance notice of Parent Disco on 29.02.19

Ask office to see if we can find football representative

Ask office to see if we can find another chess coach also speak with VAO

Ask P6/7 teachers if we could have some helpers for the raffle on Tuesday 10th December 2019

Arrange sub group meeting for the disco's

To find out more about Sleep Scotland

MM – to update PC on tea towels

LT – to find an address for Alan Garicok

To get thank you bottle for Alan

To purchase crisps, chocolate and juice for disco

To buy more raffle books for the Christmas Show

MT – Speak with Michelle Morris re tote bags

Draft letter for learning for parents night

AOCB

It might be an idea for the start of the next parent council session to have a skeleton list of dates that can be added to if necessary.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 6.00pm.