

Parson's Green Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Present: Sam Rutherford (chair), Katy Longstaff, Rachel King, Emma Bartlett, Susan Cochrane, Jennifer McGowan, Rachel King, Stevie McKinlay, Gill McArthur, Ed McCardy, Fiona Schoefer, Joni Hawley, Claire Haggett.

Apologies: Rhona Ford, Bryony Grisewood, Justine Fernandes-Binns, Carys Macdonald, Liz Creelie, Marielle B. Hofmeister

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Sam welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted	
2	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Minutes from last meeting were approved.	
3	Treasurers report	• Disco £100 profit • Easy fundraising there has been an increase in use, which is great. • Joni to send out a reminder about Easy Fundraising and Susan to continue to put in the newsletter every week. • Alana and family raised £1200 at their fun day. They would like the profits to go towards the playground. • Gardening group have put in a request for £300 for mini wildlife garden. This was agreed by the parent council. Best way to manage the money in installments to be followed up with Carys (treasurer) • The library may need further money for shelves, Katy will let the parent	Joni and Susan Carys

		council know if she does. • Everyone should know you can donate books to the school library. • Balance at present, not including £2000 sinking fund: £1610.32	
4	Local Youth Project	• Stevie introduced a new community interest company (a percentage of profits go to charity) called Windy Dandelion, for informal education. Run by an intergenerational group. • The first charity to benefit from this will be Parsons Green Parent Council. • The first thing it will run is a comic making club P3-P7, for 8 weeks, once a week. It will start in the New Year, day and location to be confirmed.	
5	Equality theme	• Let perspective parents know about the second hand clothes rack via the nursery newsletter. Jennifer to inform Linda • Jennifer McGowan has vouchers for the foodbank in Leith. If you know of anyone who needs them please contact Jennifer. • School looking for donations of toys and food to make up hampers as gifts for people less fortunate than ourselves in the local community. • Discussion around getting 'sign along' training for pupils as a child in P1 uses this form of sign language. P6 reading buddies and the teachers have been given some training. Sam to talk to the child's parents to see what they think is best and Stevie to ask at Heriot Watts to see if there might be some students who could deliver training. • Discussion around cost of eye testing being a barrier to some children getting the correct eye test and therefore correct support. £200 for a pair of lenses to help with visual stress and on average £50 for the test. It was stated by two different people the difference the correct lenses make is amazing, of huge benefit. • Stevie is happy to do a fundraiser for this, maybe a dance a thon.	Jennifer All All Sam Stevie Stevie
6	Fundraising Events	• Halloween Disco, a massive thank you to Stevie and Louise and their families for organising a great disco. The lack of plastic and photo booth were a great hit. It raised £100. • Ravelston Event, organised by Alana, a massive thank you to Alana and her	

		family. It raised £1200. - Christmas fair: - Gillian would like a breakdown of which stalls made money last year. - It will be £2 an adult and kids go free - Gillian suggested getting a photo taken with Santa as an extra, this would cost more, raise money and parents give their consent there and then. Parent council agreed this was a good idea. - Parent Council confirmed Santa presents are usually books. Gillian suggested not wrapping them this year (more eco) but have boxes for different age ranges, covered with material and with the books inside for the present to be picked from. Gillian suggested ordering the books sale or return, Gillian asked how she was to pay for this, Carys to confirm. - P7s to design a poster for the fair - Santa's grotto to be a gazebo, which Stevie has and will let us borrow. - Would P7s volunteer to sort out the PC container? Janitor has the key for this. - P7s stall will be selling baubles, raffle a hamper and teddy tombola. - P7s will organise a cloakroom, either in the nurture room or corridor (and move face painting, nail etc into the nurture room). - Gillian to organise Christmas wreath making with the P6s. All please bring in holly and pinecones. - Need donations of: chocolate, bottles and raffle prizes please. - Stalls still to be covered: - Refreshments (Emma to ask Melanie Smith) - Chocolate tombola - Christmas stall - Decorate a biscuit (Ed to ask at the biscuit factory for biscuits as a donation) - Nail and tattoo bar, Rachel to follow up - Cash raffle, Carys will be in charge of this	Carys Carys Stevie Susan All Gillian Emma Ed Rachel Carys Claire
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		13. Claire would like donations of Christmas jumpers and party clothes for the second hand clothes stall. Claire to email Susan something for the newsletter. 14. Hall will be decorated on Friday afternoon 2-6pm. 15. The Let is organised for the fair, thank you Susan, and is booked for 9.30am-3.30pm. 16. Short discussion about changing the name of the Christmas fair to make it more inclusive for those that don't celebrate Christmas. Winter Fair or find a gaelic name for it, it was decided for this year to keep it the Christmas fair.	
7.	Head teacher's report	• There has been much work done on the Health and Wellbeing part of the curriculum, Susan wanted to share this but also wanted to know if the information the children were getting was coming home. • Working on the SHANARRI indicators: Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included. • Duty bearer – adults – duty to tell children their rights. • Rights holders – children – hold their rights. • A discussion in small groups was led on: What is working for you? What could be better? In relation to: 1. Building resilience 2. Shanarri wheel 3. Children's rights 4. Building positive relationships 5. Wider achievement. What would help get the message home? Do we need workshops around this • Playground update, a massive thank you to Justine for all her hard work, the playground equipment is going in. Just need some warmer/drier weather to finish	

		the rubber. • Sam informed the PC that the graffiti artist is coming in the last weekend in November, to paint the container. • Accountability, accountancy in Duddingston Village, want to pass on their savings (£500-£100) from being more environmentally conscious to Parsons Green. They have met the pupil council, either we will fundraise and they will price match or they would give us the money directly. It is to go on something environmental focussed in the local community. This is thanks to a personal contact of Susan's – thank you Susan.	
8	Subgroups	• Library: has licence, more volunteers always welcome, especially someone to take over from Katy. • Code club is now covered by volunteers, thank you. • Bikeability, more volunteers will be needed. (If you would like to know more please contact admin@parsonsgreen.edin.sch.uk)	
9	Class reps	• To maybe discuss another time	
10	Sustrans update	• Sustrans (safer routes to high school – greener, cleaner, safer) next stage happening • Workshops for Portobello high school and all its cluster primary schools	
11	AOB	• LETS (i.e. booking a space in the school) please contact admin@parsonsgreen.edin.sch.uk there is now a very handy information pack. NB always best to ask Susan before filling in a form as she knows if there is availability. • Zero waste lunch box example, Fiona Patterson is going to organise and as a collective we should try to put together an ethical buys shopping list • An offer of relax kids course for nursery to P7, Rachel to speak to Susan as there would be a cost attached to it.	Fiona and All Rachel

