



Parent Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

28th November 2023 at 7.15 pm

online

Present: G McGill (HT) L Hamilton (DHT) Katrina Donaldson Victoria Stark
Charlotte Boyle Louise Emans Susan Murray Katelynn Carrol
Tracey Darroch

Apologies: Father Toner Craig Turner

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mrs McGill welcomed attendees then the meeting started with a prayer.

Apologies

Apologies as noted above.

HT Report

PC/PA

27th November 2023

1. We have now welcomed another 2 pupils to our school taking our school roll to 299.
2. Children throughout the school, engaged really well in our Hallowe'en Fun Afternoon and our Halloween discos which were run by the PTA. Lots of volunteers at the disco and growing bank of parents with PVGs in place. Lots of photos have been uploaded to Twitter and also shared on our Family learning Facebook page. Continue to post weekly learning updates from every class.
3. Catholic Education Week continues this week and it was lovely to see so many families attend with their children in uniform. Our Pope Francis Faith award pupils in the upper school enhanced the Mass by taking on roles such as readings and offertory – thanks to Miss Glancy for organising this. Masses at St. Flannan's and St. John of the Cross were celebrated in partnership with staff and pupils from St. Ninian's High school. A great opportunity to focus on the distinctive nature of Catholic Education and what it brings to our community.

4. Read, Write, Count and P1 Book Bug Bags gifting events were arranged and supported with pupils from our Reading Committee who welcomed parents and provided support for children who didn't have a parent in attendance. 18 families joined us for the P2 and P3 sessions and 25 attended the P1 session. Again lovely photos shared to Twitter and Facebook. This week is the last of our Bedtime Story Club sessions for P1 families. Again well attended and feedback from children and families has been very positive. This week will see a special visitor from the North Pole and all children will be gifted a book.

5. Christmas jumper day on Friday – thanks to those who donated. Jumpers were also provided to children who needed them. This has just become part of the culture of the school in terms of recycling clothing and helping others.

6. 31 children (14 families) have signed up for our Kids Out Charity – huge thanks to Mrs Hamilton who arranges this – providing good quality toys for the children.

7. Christmas Show – BIG Little Nativity. Free seats on front row for Thursday performance for parents in Parent Council and PTA group for the Thursday performance – 14th Dec. Please confirm if you would like one set aside by calling the office this week.

Treasurer Update

From the PTA Halloween fund £550 was raised with £553.35 being spent. Special thanks being noted to S Gavigan, K Lynch, L MCFadden and M McGarry for the sourcing of Halloween Snacks, Christmas Selection boxes and paper for Santas Grotto.

Rights Respecting Schools Update

Mrs Hamilton provided an update on our journey to achieving the Silver level Rights respecting school with the plan to submit the evidence during the summer term. 12 pupils from primary 4-7 have been chosen to be Rights Ambassadors, with 2 pupils representing in the pupil forum (a council wide forum of all the schools meeting bi monthly). The Rights ambassadors have helped to organise world children's day held on Monday the 20th of November with pupils across the school wearing blue to raise awareness and holding a poster competition in school. 6 Primary 6 and 7 pupils were invited to take part in the skills academy workshop at St Ninians which was linked to rights respecting schools. Mrs Hamilton has been liaising with Riverside Nursery to allow some of the Rights Ambassadors to take on a leadership role in visiting the nursery and planning some activities for the younger children. In the next coming months the Rights ambassadors will spearhead a parking campaign to help reduce parents parking dangerously when dropping off and collecting from the school.

Christmas Fayre

The PTA group have been using the Mondays Parent Café to help with the planning and organising of the Christmas fayre. A great effort from parents in the school collecting prizes from local business. Stalls have been planned, with the scouts that run out of the school taking one stall, the schools enterprise committee selling hot chocolate, face painting, a soft toy raffle, popcorn lady and Christmas crafts alongside some other activities. There is a huge amount of chocolate been raised for the

chocolate tombola from the annual Christmas jumper day. An adult tombola with 3 larger prizes including a Christmas hamper organised by Mrs Hamilton that the school staff have all contributed too. The tea coffee and cakes included in the price of the entry ticket has been organised by Mrs McGill and Soup, Hot dogs and filled rolls have been arranged with help from Angela in the kitchen to sell on the day.

Election of Office Bearers 23/24

Mrs McGill asked all present to consider taking on the role of Parent Council chair. Louise Emans has offered to take on the role seconded by Tracey Darroch, with support from Mrs McGill. Katrina will continue as treasurer.

Mrs McGill thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was brought to a close.

Next Parent Council Meeting: 23rd January 2023 at 7.15 pm