

St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting on 13 March 2018

No	Item	Action req'd
4.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>Following the postponement of the Family Quiz Night due to the adverse weather, both Edwina and Jacqui Butterly have resigned from leading the fundraising group.</p> <p>Edwina said they will continue with the Quiz Night (rescheduled for 20th April) as everything is organised but they will be stepping down after that. They will still be involved in helping with fundraising events, but they won't be leading the group.</p> <p>Edwina explained that the reason they were stepping down was due to the lack of communication between the fundraising group and the Parent Council. Edwina said that they have put a lot of time and effort into organising events for the fundraising group, but were annoyed that the decision to cancel the quiz was made without consultation with them given that they had organised it. They feel that they aren't getting enough support from the school so have decided to step down.</p> <p>Marianne said that the decision was made on the Wednesday to cancel the quiz as an email was received from the Council saying that if the schools remained closed all activities had to be cancelled. She didn't have access to her work email from home, she only had contact information for Craig.</p> <p>Marianne said that she wasn't aware there were any issues but thanked Edwina and Jacqui for all their efforts with the fundraising group.</p> <p>The quiz night has been rescheduled for Friday 20th April 2018.</p> <p>There was a discussion whether the organising of fundraising events should be brought back to the Parent Council if no one volunteers to take over leading the group. This can be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Headteacher Update</p> <p>Marianne wanted to say thank you on behalf of the school to all parents who helped clear the school grounds following the snow days. It was very much appreciated.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>Mrs Campbell will be in P4 until the summer. She is replacing Mrs O'Donahue. We will be getting someone on a permanent basis going forward. Mrs Kaczmarek is in the nursery as Mrs Salutous is currently off sick then is off on maternity leave until December.</p> <p><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>Marianne said that there will be big changes happening in the nursery. From August the nursery will be completely changing as each child will be entitled to 11,040 hours instead of 600.</p> <p>This is being phased into nurseries over the next 3 years and our nursery is part of phase 1 so from August the nursery will only have places for 40 children who will be there every day from 9am till 3pm. The adult to child ratio currently is 1:10 and this will be changing to 1:8 and the staffing for this has all been confirmed. There will be 5 full time members of staff.</p> <p>All nursery children will be entitled to a free school meal. This will be done in one sitting at 11.30am before the primary school children have their lunch.</p> <p>Marianne said that they will be advertising for 2 play assistants. These will be unqualified positions working from 11am till 2pm every day.</p> <p>Marianne said that there are only 12 spaces left as we have so many returning children. She said she would keep us informed of further developments.</p>	MS

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	<p><u>Car Park</u></p> <p>Marianne said that the parking signs that we were using in the car park have been returned to St. Francis. These signs can be bought singularly, in packs of 2 or 4. The cost for 2 is £84.42 and the cost for 4 is £156.17. It was agreed that the Parent Council would purchase 6 of these signs at a cost of £240.59.</p> <p><u>Smartboard</u></p> <p>The smartboards in P2 and P4H are not working properly as the projector has gone. Marianne said that they would like to purchase these at a cost of £815 each. These come with a 3 year warranty.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the smartboards that Carrongrange School have. These were purchased from a company called Prowise in Glasgow and were very good quality. Marianne said that she would look into this.</p> <p>The Parent Council agreed to pay for the replacement of the smartboards.</p> <p><u>Playground Hut</u></p> <p>Marianne said that she is going to get the Eco Group to look into this, so this is currently on hold.</p> <p><u>Nurture Questionnaires</u></p> <p>Marianne said that a nurture questionnaire will be set up on Microsoft and sent out to parents before Easter. The school will be doing these with the children too over the next few weeks.</p> <p><u>World Record</u></p> <p>The school has been invited to take part in a Guinness World Record attempt with Carronshore Primary School to have the most number of people dressed as bees at the same time for 5 minutes. All primary schools in the area have also been invited to take part. This will be held on Thursday 29th March. The children will be walking to Carronshore Primary for the event and will have to wear a black and yellow striped t-shirt, wings and antenna. A representative from the Guinness Book of Records will be there to officiate over the proceedings.</p> <p><u>Clubs</u></p> <p>Active Schools will be holding a gymnastics class for P1-3 and P4-7. This will be free for the first four weeks then there will be charge. There is a big waiting list for this and letters will be sent out tomorrow.</p> <p>There is also going to a multisport class run by St. Mungo's pupils for P4-7 pupils for 4 dates. P1-3 will get to do it after Easter.</p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>Marianne said that the school is looking at different forms of communication as we are no longer using Class Dojo. The class teachers can be contacted by email, an appointment made for the end of the day or even a letter put in the child's school bag. The school will continue to use Groupcall as Julie Heeps did to keep parents informed of what was happening during the snow days.</p> <p>Marianne said that they are hoping to set up a school app via Groupcall Expressions. On this will be the option to email back which could be enabled. Marianne said that they were looking as to how to set this up and she'd communicate this to parents after Easter.</p>	<p>MS</p>

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	<p><u>Facebook</u></p> <p>Marianne said that it had come to her attention about comments that were made on the unofficial parents' page on Facebook concerning a particular member of staff. These comments that were made were mistruths and the member of staff involved was very upset. Marianne had meetings with her team leader from the Council, Lee Watson, about this issue and it was their opinion that the page should be shut down or at least the page should be disassociated with the school. There was a discussion regarding this issue and it was agreed that a post would be put on the page to advise that anyone misusing it would be blocked. Sarah and Marianne agreed to get together to come up with the appropriate wording for the post.</p>	SC/MS
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Craig said that he had received a message from a parent regarding the doubles day. It was their opinion that some kids were being left out as they didn't have a double. This was based on feedback from parents from the last time the school held a doubles day. Louise said that this had been organised by P6. It was agreed that it would be reiterated to the children that they didn't need a full costume, it could be something as simple as having the same colour socks. Louise said that she would speak to P6 regarding this.</p> <p>With regards to the issue with the lollipop lady at Alloa Road going, Craig was asked to bring it up the issue of crossing patrols. Marianne said that she would speak to Crawford Campbell at the Council about Bellsdyke Road / Hamilton Road. Sarah said that she would create a survey on how many children are walking to school.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the sandpit as a parent had raised a concern over the amount of animal excrement that seems to be in there. Marianne said that the children are encouraged to play naturally and Mr Clark does go through it every morning to ensure that it is clean. The pirate ship will be installed during the better weather.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Almond Valley and Wellsfield Farm passes that the Parent Council have. It was agreed that a reminder would be put on the Facebook page for people to contact either Peter or Sarah if they would like to borrow it for the day.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to whether we should look into other corporate family passes. Peter agreed to look into the costs for annual passes for Five Sisters Zoo, Briarlands Farm and Deep Sea World and come back with an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Peter asked where the minutes of these meetings are published and asked if we put these out via email. Craig said that he sends them to Julie Heeps to publish on the website. These could also be put on the noticeboard.</p>	<p>LN</p> <p>MS / SC</p> <p>PB / SC</p> <p>PB</p>

Next Meeting: Monday 30 April 2018 at 6.30pm in Staffroom

Chair: Craig Beer

Minutes: Debbie O'Donnell