



St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting on 29 January 2018

Attendees: Craig Beer, Marianne Savage, Debbie O'Donnell, Antoinette Irwin, Sarah Gallacher, Louise Noon, Lynne Bissett, Roisin Fulton, Mike Kelly, Peter Butterly

Apologies: Mary Beckett, Mandy O'Donnell, Natalie Masterton, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Jane Barrett, Sarah Clark, Edwina Kilpatrick, Father John

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1.	<p>Attendees/ Apologies</p> <p>All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from those noted. There will be a rolling apology for Father John particularly when the meeting is held on a Monday evening.</p>	
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p><u>School Grounds</u></p> <p>Car park – with regards to the continuing issues with the car park and using the big yellow cones, Marianne said that she has noticed a difference. The ones we have will need to be returned to St. Francis. Marianne said that she will price them up for the next meeting.</p> <p>Peter said that there are still some parents not using the one-way system to go around the car park and instead cutting across the top of the car park to get to the spaces at the end. A reminder has been sent out before regarding this as this poses a health and safety issue although it was felt that most of the children weren't crossing the car park at that point.</p> <p>Bins – Marianne had requested additional bins but confirmed that she hadn't yet received a response.</p> <p>Muga – there are no concerns about the muga pitch at the moment.</p> <p>Hut for playground – Marianne confirmed that this is going to be left until Spring time.</p> <p><u>Cross Patrol at Alloa Road</u></p> <p>Craig said that he had put a post on the Facebook page asking if any parents had any concerns about the crossing at Alloa Road but there was no response.</p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>The website has been updated. Craig said that he would email either Louise or Julie Heeps about any amendments that need to be made.</p> <p>The new Facebook page for the Parent Council now has 78 followers.</p> <p><u>Catholic Education Commission Open Forum</u></p> <p>Craig said the Catholic Education Commission Open Forum was being held on Sunday 4 March at St. Columba's Cathedral in Oban. Craig confirmed that he was unable to attend but if anyone wanted to go then they should let him know.</p>	MS

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	<p><u>Anti-Bullying</u></p> <p>Craig said that he had received an email today from Paul Wilcox from the Council about an update of Children's Services Anti-Bullying policies and procedures. Craig said that he will email a copy out to everyone. They have created a public survey/consultation which went live this morning to seek the views of parents, pupils, staff and members of the public. Craig said he would put the link on Twitter.</p> <p>Respectme will be running training sessions for parents if anyone is interested in registering. There will be an Online Safety Workshop on 29 March 2018 to increase parents and carers awareness of bullying and the other risks and challenges children can face online. There will also be a Responding to Bullying Workshop, also on 29 March 2018, to look at different ways parents can respond if their child is being bullied or is involved in the bullying of others. Parents will be able to sign up for these workshops.</p>	CB
3.	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>Peter said that Mark Stewart had given him all the signed paperwork. This had been completed before Christmas, but Mark had been busy.</p> <p>The balances of the accounts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Account - £1,136 • Treasurer's Account - £3,714 • 200 Club Account - £4,193 <p>Overall total therefore is £9,043.</p> <p>We took about £1,400 from the Winter Fayre although Edwina still had some receipts to hand in.</p> <p>Peter said that he had a friend who was on the Parent Council for Larbert Village and they been given a grant from the Todhill Wind Farm Fund. The purpose of this is to benefit those living in the community council area of Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood. It is managed by Foundation Scotland. Larbert Village have been granted £5,000 to enable them to buy audio/visual equipment for their gym hall.</p> <p>Peter's friend was involved in the application and said that they would help us out if this is something that we wanted to pursue. The grant can be from £500 to £5,000. Mike said that he looked at this for the Parish and decided not to go ahead as they wanted quite specific information. It was felt that we would probably need to spend what we had in the bank beforehand.</p>	
4.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>The Family Quiz Night is on Friday 2 March 2018 and the alcohol licence has been granted. 'Save the date' letters had been sent home.</p>	
5.	<p>Headteacher Update</p> <p><u>Christmas Concerts</u></p> <p>Marianne thanked all the children and parents who supported the Christmas concerts in December as they were very well attended. However, there were 30 pupils from the upper school who didn't turn up for the evening performance with only 5 informing the school that they were unable to attend. Marianne said that whilst she appreciates that families have other commitments in the evening, having these reduced numbers had an impact on stage direction and support for the pupils who did attend.</p> <p>There were also lots of parents who left at the end of the first half after the P1-P3 pupils had finished which was unfair on the children who still had to do their performance.</p>	

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	<p>Marianne said that she intends on making the point before this year's Christmas concerts about the implications of the children not turning up to enable them to say in advance if they are unable to make it.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>Mrs O'Donohue has been successful in obtaining a teaching post in North Lanarkshire due to family commitments and it being closer to home for her. Marianne thanked her for her contributions to St. Bernadette's. Her last day will be Friday 23 February 2018. At this time, Marianne is unsure as to who will be doing her 3 days as there are no supply teachers available. It will possibly be advertised as a temporary position until the summer.</p> <p>Miss Leishmann has joined the nursery team every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. She was a former modern apprentice and this is being funded by the Pupil Equity Fund. This will release Mrs Kinnaird out of the nursery to work with identified pupils from nursery to P2 in the areas of nurture and maths.</p> <p><u>Pupil Equity Fund</u></p> <p>The focus for the PEF remains as nurture, growth mindset and maths.</p> <p>Nurture – the nurture groups will be focussing on activities such as cooking, Lego therapy and Seasons for Growth.</p> <p>The Massage in Schools Programme has been introduced in P2 and P5 and will be for 7 weeks.</p> <p>There is a Staff Professional Development training event taking place on 1st and 2nd February with Jenny Mosley from Circle Time. Miss Walker, Mrs Lorenzetti, Mrs Hughes, Miss Rooney and Mrs Irwin will all be attending for part or all of the training.</p> <p>Growth Mindset – there will be individual focus in each class. The puppets will be introduced to the whole school at assembly next week with a competition to name them. They will focus on areas of resilience, motivation, confidence and perseverance. A school comic will be produced with the 4 characters and a Growth Mindset theme.</p> <p>Maths – this is linked with Growth Mindset and teachers are working together in professional learning communities to develop a holistic assessment of maths and focusing on small changes within their own classrooms.</p> <p><u>STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths</u></p> <p>All classes will be having a STEM focus this term – P1 movable parts and natural play in the outdoors, P2 birds, P3 materials, P4 & P5 recycling, P6 food technology and P7 Jaguar maths.</p> <p>P1 wish to purchase a small shed to keep their moveable parts in. This would be separate from Woody as it would only be used by P1 during teaching time and not during break and lunch. P1 children had written letters to the Parent Council asking for funding. This would cost £399.95 – this was agreed by the Parent Council and Peter said that he would organise the cheque when it was needed.</p> <p>Marianne said that they hope to invite a range of speakers and parents in to talk to classes about each of their STEM focus to develop the young workforce, highlighting the skills used in a wider context. They are in the process of putting feelers out.</p> <p><u>Other Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass on Wednesday 31 January at 1.30pm, led by P7. • Harry Potter Night on Thursday 1 February, organised by Mrs Irwin. About 50 pupils have signed up to attend. • P7 transition day to St. Mungo's High School also on Thursday 1 February. • Ash Wednesday service on 14 February at 1.30pm which is open to everyone. 	<p>PB</p>

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6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Roisin asked at what year do the school split the boys and girls up for getting ready for PE. Marianne said that they don't have a specific policy in place but are led by the children themselves. Marianne said that she would speak to Miss Duffy about splitting the boys and girls up in P5.</p> <p>Roisin also said that Mrs Cully used to do a happiness survey for the children and asked if the school would consider doing it again. Marianne said that she would organise this.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 6.30pm in Staffroom

Chair: Craig Beer

Minutes: Debbie O'Donnell