



St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting on 29 October 2018

Attendees: Craig Beer, Marianne Savage, Debbie O'Donnell, Sarah Clark, Mike Kelly, Sarah Gallagher, Lynne Bissett, Katie Sweeney, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Councillor Laura Murtagh

Apologies: Darren Green, Stuart Donaldson, Lisa Hanley, Peter Butterly, Roisin Fulton, Mary Beckett, Father John

No	Item	Action req'd
1.	<p>Attendees/ Apologies</p> <p>All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from those noted. Craig welcomed Councillor Laura Murtagh to the meeting and thanked her for attending.</p>	
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p><u>Playground</u></p> <p>Craig said that Councillor Murtagh was invited to give an update on the issue we have been having in the playground and Muga pitch.</p> <p>Stuart Donaldson had attended Stenhousemuir & Torwood Community Council meeting but was unable to attend today's meeting.</p> <p>Marianne said that she had a meeting arranged with two members of the community council last Thursday but it had to be cancelled and was moved to this week.</p> <p>Laura said that her and Gary were working together on the issues raised. She said that a number of people in the community have identified the same issues, particularly over the summer months.</p> <p>The Antonshill Community Group have identified the issues with the glass and there is increasing concern over the behaviour. Laura has had discussions with the community safety teams and local police and they say that they are taking it seriously and have been doing more patrolling. Laura said that there is a similar issue in Corey Park where teenagers are causing a disturbance and drinking alcohol. Laura said that they need to identify the issues that are causing the behaviour.</p> <p>Sarah Clark said that in her experience, as she lives across the road, there are a lot of people arriving in cars but she is unaware of an increase in police presence and patrols. Laura reiterated again that the police are taking it very seriously and plans are in place. Laura said that it would be helpful to know if there are particular patterns but that we need to be mindful of the bigger picture.</p> <p>Laura wanted to know what our key priorities were. It was agreed that the glass and litter are causing the biggest problems for us, especially the glass. Marianne said that they clear, on average, 6 bags of rubbish from the Muga pitch on a Monday each week. Laura said that she would speak to waste services to find out what the schedule is as it is a particularly significant problem in this area.</p> <p>Laura said that her and Gary would keep on this issue with the police as it is deliberate and malicious. Its also about establishing a protocol with Children's Services as it is a public safety issue. Laura said that she would speak to Children's Services as it's a public protection concern. Laura said that she would also get Larbert High involved.</p>	<p>Laura Murtagh</p>

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	<p><u>Constitution</u></p> <p>Roisin had sent out 2 documents from when the Parent Council was first established to see if they were still in line with how we operate. This was briefly discussed and it was agreed the following changes would be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove the Pupil Council representative • agreed with Paul Wilcox that minutes are sent to Children's Services • there isn't a separate fundraising group at the moment and the Parent Council will take responsibility and make decisions 	
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Peter and Katie have been unable to meet yet to hand over responsibility. They intend on having a handover meeting next week.</p> <p>Peter had arranged for the cheque for the subscriptions but the cheque was returned as it was from the wrong account. This has now been sorted.</p> <p>Marianne said that she hasn't had the money yet for the iPad charging bay. Marianne said that she would speak to Stuart Lennie.</p> <p>Craig said that Peter would like to transfer some of the funds (£3,000) from the 200 Club account into the main account. There was no objection to this course of action.</p> <p>It is proposed that the 200 Club draw for Christmas will be £1,000 like last year and it was agreed that the draw could be made at the Christmas concert on 13 December.</p> <p>The audit of the accounts has all been prepared and will be reviewed by Mark Stewart week commencing 5 November. Copies of the accounts were given out.</p> <p>The Halloween Disco profit was about £250 once all costs were taken into account.</p>	MS
4.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>It has been agreed that we will have a Race Night on 1st March 2019. Sarah Gallagher said that she will speak to Coleen Kennedy who organised the last night.</p> <p>Edwina Kilpatrick is going to get a date in the diary for the bag packing at Asda and will let Craig know.</p>	SG EK
5.	<p>Headteacher Update</p> <p>Marianne thanked the Parent Council for the iPad charging bay and the money towards the subscriptions for this year.</p> <p>Marianne said that David Mackay, Head of Education, wants to come along to the next Parent Council meeting.</p> <p><u>New style of reports</u></p> <p>At the last meeting, Roisin had asked if there had been any feedback on the new style of reporting. Marianne handed out a report on the analysis of the questionnaires sent out. There were 53 questionnaires returned in total out of 217 children. The majority of the responses either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with the statements.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>Marianne said that they are experiencing significant staff shortages in the school at the moment with 3 members of staff on long term sick. Antoinette Irwin and Louise Noon are both off so Marianne is the only management and she has had to be in class all last week teaching as there are no supply teachers available. Nicola Lorenzetti is also in class teaching.</p>	

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	<p>Marianne said that the main priority and focus is the children's' learning.</p> <p>It was agreed that a post should be put on the Facebook page to let the wider parent body know of the staffing issues and to ask for understanding whilst the school is experiencing these issues. Marianne said that she would speak to Craig about this.</p>	MS/ CB
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Sarah Gallagher said that the nursery are wanting to develop the nursery garden and Mrs Gall had asked if the Parent Council would be willing to donate £685 to buy items for outdoor play. They would also like iPads for the nursery so that they could update the children's online journals with the children. They currently only have one iPad. After some discussion it was agreed to donate £1,000 to the nursery and they can decide what they want to spend the money on.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we should be encouraging the parents of the nursery children to take part in the 200 Club.</p>	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 6.30pm in Staffroom

Chair: Craig Beer

Minutes: Debbie O'Donnell