



St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting on 11 March 2019

Attendees: Craig Beer, Marianne Savage, Debbie O'Donnell, Sarah Gallacher, Katie Sweeney, Roisin Fulton, Peter Butterly, Dara Thomson, Councillor Joan Coombes

Apologies: Mike Kelly, Lisa Hanley, Lynne Bissett, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Sarah Clark, Edwina Kilpatrick, Father John, Councillor Gary Bouse

No	Item	Action req'd
1.	<p>Attendees/ Apologies</p> <p>All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from those noted.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p><u>Playground/ Car Park Update</u></p> <p>Craig said that the signs were back out. Craig said that he noticed that Paul Gardiner had been on Facebook about the community police strategy and school car parks. It seems that something permanent will be the only solution long term. Debbie suggested getting a banner made for the railings. Marianne said that would put it on the newsletter.</p> <p><u>Muga Pitch</u></p> <p>There have been no further issues in the muga pitch. It is now permanently opened at the weekend but there has been no difference. The janitor is still having to fill the rubbish bags. Councillor Coombes said that she would speak to the community police about this.</p> <p><u>Budget Update</u></p> <p>Marianne said that she has been told that it has gone through and been accepted which will mean the removal of the nursery class teacher and the discretionary teachers, but this doesn't affect us.</p> <p>Falkirk Council have agreed to invest £200k in support for learning assistants. For St. Bernadette's this means that we will get an extra 10 hours of Grade B staff for playground supervision. Mrs Angus' hours are up to full time and she is working Monday to Thursday but this is specifically for the needs of certain children.</p> <p><u>Request from Father John</u></p> <p>Craig said that Father John had asked if we could, either through the school newsletter or as a record on the minutes, mention the sacramental activities that are taking place both in class and church.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>JC</p>
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>The race night raised £1,120. There is a total of £2,217 in the fundraising bank account, £475 in the main bank account and approximately £4,110 in the 200 Club account, giving around £6,801 in total.</p> <p>Falkirk Council have sent a letter about the change of Treasurer. Both Peter and Darren had informed the Council on 3 separate occasions that Peter had taken over responsibility as Treasurer. This has to do with the accounts for last year. Peter said that he would deal with this as he was Treasurer at the time the accounts were done.</p>	PB

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	<p>The cheque for the P1 equipment couldn't be banked because Katie and Sarah have signed it but the mandate has not been updated yet. Peter said that this is probably down to an internal bank admin error and said that he had emailed them but will try to phone again.</p> <p>The money from the Asda bag packing was traced.</p>	PB
4.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>Edwina was organising the Easter Disco but the date needed to be agreed. After some discussion it was agreed this would be 23 April 2019.</p>	
5.	<p>Headteacher Update</p> <p><u>Staffing Update</u></p> <p>Marianne thanked Craig, Anne-Marie and Natalie for helping out with the deputy interviews. Audrey Duncan was successful. She is currently a Principal Teacher at Stenhousemuir Primary School. The PVG checks have all been done but she doesn't have a start date yet.</p> <p>Marianne said that they are hoping to advertise the permanent Principal Teacher by June.</p> <p>Sarah Gallagher will covering Catriona Martin's post until June and she starts on 25 March and will be working 2 mornings.</p> <p>Amy Dennis will be joining until June to cover the P5/6 class as Mrs Irwin will be going back to her own post.</p> <p>Mrs Laidlaw in P3 will be going on maternity leave in the middle of May but they don't have anyone to cover this role yet.</p> <p><u>Open Afternoon & Parents Night</u></p> <p>This will be held on Wednesday 20 March and was moved because of the P7 residential trip. Parent consultations will take place on 24 and 25 April and is being held over 2 nights in response to parents requests.</p> <p><u>P7 Trip</u></p> <p>The P7 residential trip will be covered by Ashley McAulay, Mrs Angus, Mrs Galloway, Mrs Lorenzetti and Mrs Laidlaw. They are splitting it between them Monday to Wednesday and then Thursday to Friday.</p> <p><u>Jump to It</u></p> <p>The Jump to It competition takes place next week.</p> <p><u>Sporting achievements</u></p> <p>The basketball team have done very well in the league in the Larbert cluster. In the cross country, Dearbhla Fulton came 3rd. The football tournament was on Friday and the team did very well and they were a credit to the school.</p> <p>Peter said that the basketball team is mixed but the football team is not. He knows that there are girls who would be interested in joining the team. Marianne said that she would speak to Mr Clark.</p> <p><u>Reconciliations</u></p> <p>The P3 sacraments are on Saturday 23rd March at Father John's request.</p> <p>The P4 class are going down to church during Lent and P3 are having a practice tomorrow with P7 on Wednesday and P6 on Thursday.</p>	MS

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	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Roisin asked about the drama group in school. Marianne said that the plan was in August to do a whole school show but because of staffing interests outside of school they didn't want to commit to anything. Roisin asked if there was any chance of the drama group coming back and Marianne said that she doesn't think so as it's a lot of work for one person.</p>	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th April at 6.30pm in Staffroom

Chair: Craig Beer

Minutes: Debbie O'Donnell