



St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting on 29th November 2021

Attendees: Peter Butterly (Chair), Marianne Savage, Audrey Duncan, Lauren Edwards, Craig Beer, Mike Kelly, Louise O'Rourke, Nick Masterson (minutes), Nevenka Carson, Katie Sweeney, Joanne Harley

Apologies: Ann Duncan, Father John, Natalie Masterson, Jennifer Walker

No	Item	Action req'd
	<p>Attendees/ Apologies</p> <p>All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from Fr John, Ann Duncan and Natalie Masterson.</p>	
1.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (AGM & 19th October 2021)</p> <p>Minutes from AGM and October meetings were approved and seconded.</p>	
2.	<p>Update by Chair</p> <p>School Football Strips Chair discussed with Mr Taylor and it was felt that the current strips are still in good condition. An additional set of tops, socks and shorts are to be purchased. Chair contacted RJM and received quote of circa £340 for 10 new tops, 20 shorts and 20 socks. Chair to update the group regarding cost for goalkeeping strip and sponsorships/contributions towards the cost of strips at next meeting.</p> <p>Smart TV Chair and Mrs Savage confirmed P7 Smart TV had been successfully installed (cost £1,995).</p> <p>Newsletter Chair took an action to produce a newsletter specific to parent council and will update the group at the next Parent Council meeting.</p> <p>Chair advised that no new updates to report from Connect newsletters.</p> <p>Falkirk Parent Forum – Craig Beer attended on behalf of St Bernadette's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craig advised there was an introduction from Gillian Campbell on a new service - Mental Health & Well-being. Craig also informed the group that more counselling services are being introduced due to impacts from COVID-19. The minimum age for these services is 10 years old. A census for P5 to S4 is to be conducted in-school via an online survey (dates to be confirmed) to obtain a picture of mental health and well-being within schools. Breakfast clubs – timing of these have changed which is impacting parents. Feedback was also shared and as a result, a review of breakfast clubs will be carried out. Pupil roles across Falkirk – Craig updated the group that the primary role had decreased by 3% whilst the pupil role at secondary schools had increased by 3%. Air quality tests had been carried out across all Falkirk Council schools and information was being collated to be assessed in due course. Falkirk Community trust is ceasing, and staff are being redeployed into Children Services. 	<p>Chair to place item on future agenda</p>

	<p>Almond Valley Pass Chair advised this was due for renewal on 30th November. Previous renewal was circa £300 for 2 adults and 4 children however latest renewal (2021 – 2022) was £600 for 2 adults & 2 children. Decision was made to let the pass lapse for now, review in the new year and examine possible alternative options.</p>	
3.	<p>Finances</p> <p>Katie confirmed that £200 was received from ASDA for green token collection which went into the fundraising account.</p> <p>Katie also confirmed subscriptions and hardship funds were paid.</p> <p>Account balances</p> <p>£1,478 in main account £2,435 in 200 Club £2,880 in fundraising account</p> <p>Total = £6,793</p> <p>Further deductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,387 reserved for Todhill Grant • £1,995 for Smart TV cost • £1,000 for 200 Club bumper draw <p>Total £2,411</p>	<p>Chair to place item on future agenda</p>
4.	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>Update from Chair on behalf of Ann Duncan was that obstacle course event would be scheduled February 2022.</p> <p>Fundraising group to provide update at next Parent Council meeting.</p>	<p>Chair to place item on future agenda</p>
5.	Headteacher Update	

	<p>Parents evening Mrs Savage advised that the parent meetings took place virtually with mixed feedback from both parents and staff. Mrs Savage hopes the next parent/teacher meetings in March 2022 will be face-to-face (subject to COVID-19 guidance nearer the time). If not, learnings from this event will be put in place for future parent/teacher meetings.</p> <p>COP26 Cluster Conference Mrs Savage advised the COP26 Cluster Conference event took place and was a great success. Both pupils and staff had a fantastic time at the event and a writeup is being produced to be included within the Flourish newspaper in due course.</p> <p>COVID-19 guidance Mrs Savage advised that COVID-19 guidance was recently updated stating if more than 50% of a class are absent with any illness (instead of a class absence of 50% due to COVID-19), the affected class will be closed, pupils will revert to online learning for a short period of time whilst a deep clean is carried out.</p> <p>iPads Mrs Savage confirmed that P6 and P7 school iPads arrived and have been well received with positive feedback from both pupils and teachers. Mrs Savage also confirmed the ratio for the remaining classes (P1 to P5) is 1 iPad for every 5 children and that this will be in place before Christmas 2021.</p> <p>Christmas celebrations Mrs Savage advised the planned pantomime trip has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, the Christmas Nativity show will not go ahead as planned however each class will have the opportunity to do a recorded performance. The recorded performance will be made available to pupils and parents in due course.</p> <p>Update from Mrs Duncan Mrs Duncan shared an update on the 2 in-school fundraising events and advised that both have been very successful. The Smarties Challenge has raised circa £1,000 and the Bookfair raised circa £600. Thanks to Mrs Heeps and Mrs Angus for supporting the administration of both events. Mrs Duncan also wished to thank all parents, children and families for their continued generosity and support towards the school.</p>	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 hoodies – Katie confirmed another volunteer will organise hoodies. During discussions, it was felt that purchasing hoodies may not be environmentally sustainable and/or best use of funds. The Parent Council agreed to consider other options and ideas on how best to commemorate pupils time at St Bernadette's either through gifts or charity. Item to be discussed at the next Parent Council meeting. Dates for future meetings as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Tues 18th Jan 2022 ⇒ Mon 28th Feb 2022 ⇒ Tues 26th April 2022 ⇒ Mon 6th June 2022 	<p>Chair to place item on future agenda</p>

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 18th January 2022.