

Minute of Parent Council Meeting 17th January 2023

Present – Gillian Ritch, Sally McNeish, Mary Dunn, Mark Summers, Caz Lourie, Kate Shiner, Thorfinn Johnston, Kerry Spence

Apologies – Cathy Smith, Babette Hegarty, Lian Brown

	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Adoption of previous minutes</p> <p>Adopted proposed Sally McNeish Seconded Gillian Ritch</p>	
2	<p>Review of actions</p> <p>Continuity of signatories – teacher rep/one more signatory to add who can ensure a smoother handover to new committee? SM and CL are new signatories, SM asked permission to have either/or signing rather than both/and in order to make banking more practically accessible. Committee agreed to this.</p> <p>KS has approached Nicola Sutherland to be secretary, she will think about it.</p> <p>Facebook posts to be sent through school office on school page headed as parent council</p>	<p>Revisit once bank account is working</p> <p>KS to follow up again</p>
3	<p>Funding Requests from staff</p> <p>English book club £150 Social Games tbc – suggest £150 Music Dept – stands, trolleys, banners – £1726 Discussion – give stands and trolley and delivery, £1500 in total <i>Could the stands be hired out to other Orkney music groups?</i></p> <p>Art department trip £600 per head - we will offer same as language ie 50 per head Language dept trip £1000 (50 per head) Netball strips?? £350 – already agreed but to be paid</p> <p>Just Dance trip request – this one isn't in our remit as it isn't a school expense.</p> <p>KS – keep a note of which departments are awarded over time</p> <p>Once we confirm bank balance we can OK these by Whatsapp.</p> <p>SM mentioned stickers to indicate which items donate by PC.</p>	<p>MD to speak to Russell Brown about compromising on the banners.</p> <p>MD to reply</p> <p>SM to create record</p> <p>CL to access bank statement and confirm whether we have 6250 or more.</p> <p>Revisit this</p>
4	<p>Treasurers update – Caz Lourie</p> <p>Still haven't got a statement yet but have the outgoing signatories'</p>	<p>CL to go to bank to</p>

	<p>paperwork done. Raised this year to date £1055.05</p> <p>Receipted expenditure this year to date £122.05 (Teas, coffees, OIC licenses, catering at Xmas doo)</p> <p>Balance £933, of which £845 is ready to bank (notes and bagged coins), leaving £60 floats and £28 loose coin make up the £88 petty cash balance.</p>	<p>finalise access and pay in £845 cash raised so far, to leave us a float.</p>
5	<p>HT appointment updates Evening of 2nd February for Parent Council to meet with candidates</p>	<p>KS, GR, SM, CL, KS can attend. MS and TJ will be representing us at interviews</p>
6	<p>Fundraising – to revisit at next meeting.</p> <p>Include evaluation of this year’s activities</p>	
7	<p>Committee Concerns Tea/Coffee/Cake on the balcony doesn’t work.</p> <p>Andrew Tait’s Influence (TJ) Mary Dunn reports that these concerns are collated in school. S1 boys consider him funny.</p> <p>Friday Afternoon Activities KS considers that these are not of value for S5-S6 pupils. Friday is often not a day of quality learning for pupils who don’t attend the college. Jane P has indicated that a review is imminent in which our views will be sought. Discussion included that pupils may want to be included in this discussion? Other suggestions were raised for activities that may have more value. Some parents feel social activities eg D and D are of benefit to shy pupils in particular. Could this be used for D of E?</p>	<p>SM to inform BH</p> <p>MD will take this back to the Academy</p> <p>MD to feedback to school.</p>
8	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>Constitution/Data Protection policy</p> <p>KS asking about Duke of Edinburgh Award</p>	<p>SM/GR to finalise content 27th January and then SM/TJ to double check accessibility of language. To discuss at next meeting</p> <p>MD to feed all of this back to school</p>

	<p>Communication with/from school (KS) Notification of events is quite last minute CL – at last meeting we spoke about a calendar of events? UCAS – no communication This evening’s meeting! – school was locked. Winter road closures – confusion for those who live off the main roads and those who need to leave early. OIC issue?</p>	
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd March 7.00pm Upper Library</p>	<p>SM to circulate minutes etc in PDF and send Whatsapp reminder the week before.</p>