

Livingston Village Primary school Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 30-08-2018

Time: 18:30-19:30



Attendees

Linda Halliday -parent
Vanessa Slater- parent
Jodi Conner - parent
Gillian Barnett – parent
Eileen Barclay - parent
Wendy Murray- parent
Jennifer Falconer- parent
Carol Smith - Teacher
Nikki Cooper – Teacher
Sophie Rae-Rarity – Chairperson
Jackie Mill - Head Teacher
Antony McCallum- McKay – Principal Teacher

Apologies :

Gordon Gilchrest
Mhairi Ritchie

Sophie Rae welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said she was happy to continue the chair position, and found the last year great with the support from the school but asked for someone to help co-chair and Laura Halliday volunteered. Gordon was happy to remain doing the treasurer position and Michelle Denning is happy to return to do the secretary role and minutes. This will all be finalised at the AGM meeting on the 13th SEPT 2018.

A new parent council e-mail account has been set up by Mr McCallum- McKay. There has been one e-mail sent to the account already. Mr McCallum will put it in the newsletter and share it through the other media to parents. Action: Mr McCallum McKay

Treasurer report

Gordon was unable to attend the meeting but shared that the PC currently have £1647-71p in the bank account for this year.

Mrs Mill and Sophie will do a little presentation at the Meet the Teacher about the role of the Parent Council and try to encourage some new parents to join the team and hopefully come along to the AGM. Action: Mrs Mill and Sophie Rae

Mrs Mill issued everyone with a copy of the school standards and quality report. A copy will be available to view on the school website. The main focus is on the curriculum rationale although she reassured everyone that the teaching and learning is taking place they are just trying to get the systems in place this session.

Mrs Mill shared the school budget for the year. There are very little finances to run the school left for the year, as the bulk went towards the staffing costs, there is in the region of £3000 over but already £500 of this had to be used to pay for the Learners Journeys license. However there is some contingency remaining with School fund money of £5000 to use as required. The school received a small amount of PEF although some of these funds have been allocated already. She asked that the bulk of the fundraising that the Parent council does, goes towards the "extras" such as the Christmas parties, Christmas Pantomime, Outings and busses this session. Mrs Mill has tried to cut costs by looking at less popular times yet the trip to the risk factory is still £10-00 per child.

The green house has lots of tomatoes and the school grounds are looking much nicer thanks to the staff at Lloyds Bank. Some children are showing an interest in the caterpillars, bees and butterflies on the plants.

Sophie Rae mentioned that we were successful in receiving £500 grant from Dobbies to choose some items for outside. They can recommend more pollinating plants to encourage Wildlife. Some children will go down and help to choose some items/ tools/ plants etc. for the garden. Mr McCallum-Mckay will help decide who will go and liaise with Sophie.

Action: Mr McCallum- McKay

Sophie had suggested looking at the allotments to see if there were any keen gardeners who could help at the school too. Jodi Conner was going to speak to Julia as it was thought that there was an open day there soon.

Action: Jodi Conner

Social club – last year's P6 class had a board games group but it is very hard finding people who would be willing to come along and play games with the children. If anyone knows of any grandparents that could come along once a month they would really enjoy it.

Fundraising Group – there were a few suggestions and ideas such as a Bingo Night which Eileen Barclay was willing to help co-ordinate, a Lego swop club which Jennifer falconer has e-mailed Sainsburys about and perhaps even a Ceilidh. It was suggested a Calendar of events is drawn up and shared with parents and perhaps a leaflet that could go out to parents. Nikki Cooper would share an example with Sophie and Fundraising Group could put together some events. Halloween Disco and Fayre are already booked and Hall availability is checked. Some events will depend on Hall availability.

Action: N.Cooper and Fundraisers

Next meeting is the AGM on the 13th September 2018