

Rosehearty School Parent Council

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Present: - Jenna McRobbie, Jemma McBride Donna-Marie Gray, Darren Traves, Alison Traves, Alison Pearson, Carole Short, Denise Stephen, Denise Simpson, Vicky Irvine, Mrs R Birnie and Mrs N Robertson

Apologies: - Dee Noble, Maria McLennan, Dee Taylor, Michelle Bolt, Janet Simpson Jennifer Beedie, Helen Sim

Minutes of last meeting: -The minutes from the last meeting were read out & signed and second by Jemma McBride

Mrs Birnie Highlighted from the last minutes that the Expressions App is more a communication tool, and not for tracking your child's progress.

Fundraising Ideas There was a lengthy discussion held about numerous fund-raising ideas, such as soup and sweet, bingo or beetle drive, race night. Have dress down day once a month & maybe charge for the children to have an outside disco. A few decisions were made that we would have another homebakes stall at the Chirstmas Fayre to take place on Wednesday the 6th of December. Also holding a dress as you please day on Friday the 13th of October for the children all to provide a chocolate bar for chocolate tombola at the Christmas fayre. Also thought we would raffle off a couple of Fitbits this year instead of the Ipad, as it never made as much this years as previous years.

From looking back the accounts the PC realised the sponsor find raised a lot of money form not much to do it was suggested we look into doing that again, as it hasn't been done for two years.

It was decided we would hold a family bingo night on Friday 10th November. Vicky to see Jennifer & Johnny Beedie about books and the bingo machine etc. Raffles to be organised for Prizes.

Instead of the Ladies Night it was suggested about a Race Night, Lynne Bruce mentioned this and said they had one organised for Playgroup before it finished and it didn't go ahead, but she would find out more about it.

Soup and sweet was also suggested No date was given, however it was suggested to be held in January.

Jenna McRobbie suggested we split into different teams to organise different events, to spread the work load out.

As a Pc we have decided to send out separate letters from the parent council to the parents within the school highlighting what the PC have done over the last few years to raise the £18500 and what we have spent it all on, things like Ipads & accessories, Cinema trip, Christmas gifts, Panto Trip, £800 on hobby games, Ski trip, All the school disco etc. As it was felt, maybe some parents are not aware of this.

There is over £5000 in the account so Mrs Birnie was asked for some suggestions of what she would like some of the money to be spent on. The teachers formed a list of things such as construction equipment for the younger end of the school, wooden jigsaws, PE equipment, Audio Books, science equipment, PE Kits need a little up grading (Alison Pearson to look into), Art supplies and Dictionaries. Mrs Birnie was going to cost up some of these items and decide which were priority. Mrs Birnie did suggest up grading a few of the ipads.

Mrs Birnie's up-date:

As we are all aware Mrs Birnie has been succeeded to Banff Primary until January 2018. As it stands Mrs Birnie was asked to inform the PC that Mrs Anita Buchan, who is currently a deputy head at St Andrews has been appointed Acting head at Rosehearty. Mrs Buchan will be at Rosehearty School until either Mrs Birnie returns to her head teachers post or the vacancy is advertised. Mrs Birnie also mentioned the process the school would go through when looking for a new head teacher if the time was to come, and that the PC are involved within this process. Some PC members highlighted their unhappiness of the situation the school finds itself in, this was recognised by Mrs Birnie and she said that she would in turn express the unhappiness of the Parent within the school to the local authority. Mrs Birnie assures the PC that she is doing her utmost to support the school through this turbulent time, for both staff and children within the school.

- Mrs Birnie mentioned that converting the GP room into a classroom and the ITC suite into a multi-purpose room was costly, but had to be done to accommodate all the children. With having 2 P1 classes, with 31 children, however the school role was less than expected.
- We have Miss Curtis is the schools Probationary teacher this year and she is based in P1. Mrs Cheyne has returned from her Maternity leave and currently based in P4 and P1. Miss Devine also joined the school, with a huge wealth of teaching experience.
- Plans were in place to use the £16800 pupil equity fund the school was awarded to help improve things for targeted children and areas.
- Childrens university website is under construction, children can still carry on collecting hours etc until the new system is up and running.
- The school will continue to improve attainment and achievement levels within the school.

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Looking for parent helpers for the Book Fayre on Parents on the 10th & 11th October

Halloween disco has been organised for the 31st of October, Brian Topping has been booked.

JRock challenge has been spoken about and the registration opens on the 19th of September and if the school was to apply then it would have to be run as an after school club. This needs to be looked into further. The show would take place on Friday the 16th of March.

Parent council should have two parent representatives from each class within the school & nursery groups.

AGM – 19th of September @6pm

Meeting dates for the year are Wednesday 1st November 2017, 17th of January 2018 and 24th of April 2018

Thank you for attending and our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting 19th of September 2017 @ 6pm date.