

Kellands Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 2nd February 7pm Hopeville Social Club

Present: Shona Strachan, Sinead O`Sullivan, Lynn Downie, Jillian Barr, Christine Rowley, Graeme Mollison, Jacqueline Gall, Cllr Richard Cowling, Sarah Bergin, Elizabeth Watt, Donna Davidson, Sally Collie, Nick Ritchie, Kevin Taylor, Gail Hempseed, Louise Nicol, Lyne Western, Vicky McIntosh, Valerie Napier, Sam Grant, Juliet Serrell, Louise Anderson

Apologies: Susan Davidson, Tracy Thomson, Leanne Muir

Previous Minutes: Proposed – Kevin Taylor Seconded – Lynn Downie

Treasure Update – See attached. Automatic payment from the Council does not appear to have been received recently. Cllr Cowling has offered to investigate on behalf of the Parent Council.

Head Teacher Update: Graeme thanked the PC on behalf of the school for all the fundraising as it is great for the kids.

Pupil Council have had suggestions of a Fort and Sandpit for the whole school to use.

Grants are being sought to provide good quality AstroTurf – quote being done by a pupil`s Dad – 60mx20m good quality which would go in the existing football pitch area and would look to have this available for various community groups to use. Louise Nicol offered to help source/raise funds. Various grants and funding being looked into for this – Commonwealth Legacy Fund, Planning Gain was also mentioned.

There is work to be carried out in the Nursery building during February. Toilet being moved and sinks being put in.

Also costing have been sought for various changes within the school building – Wardrobes being put to class areas so that cloakroom areas can be changed – Nurture Room, Multisensory Room. ICT suite – computers going into class areas this will allow more use as an adult must be present in the ICT suite. Library is being moved into former ICT suite. Majority of this work is taking place during summer holidays.

Unit 1 gate – new sturdy gate being fitted with new entrance. Also looking to get the road down to that area sorted as no pavement and road requires tarred.

Funding not confirmed as yet so main work would possibly be summer time although ICT suite maybe sooner.

National policy is not to have an ICT suite as this should be taught in class. Teachers can use the whiteboards in class. With the computers in class the pupils can choose to use the computers for research etc rather than have to book time in the ICT suite. The school would like to get another trolley of computers/netbooks for Unit 1. Until more are purchased the pupils that require ICT for completing tasks will still get access to the computers. Approx £6000 would be needed to purchase through Council Procurement for another class set.

Class teachers will be contacting people on the list for helping during masterclass/excellence time.

Consultation meeting on Wednesday 4th February 6.30pm at Kellands School. This consultation is dealing with Language/Learning Units.

15th/16th June Cycle Events in conjunction with Nestrans and Sustrans. On the Monday the Bike Doctor will be there checking bikes etc and on Tuesday a bike run will take place. Bikes can be provided if required. More details will follow.

Outdoor Learning – Help would be very much appreciated to get a garden area up and running. Ideas on how to create it, how to fence it off, possibly have cameras installed. Looking at possible area down towards the turning circle. Fruit, veg and maybe the possibility of chickens.

Ghana twinning still being looked into.

Behaviour Policy – hope to have available for next meeting.

Covered Areas Over Entrances – Costing will be looked into for the possibility of plastic coverings similar to nursery to be put up at the 3 entrances.

Dogs in School Grounds – This will be mentioned again in the school newsletter that dogs should not be brought into the school grounds and also that there is no smoking allowed on School premises. Graeme to include a reminder about both these issues in a newsletter.

School Uniform – Will be a link on the website to download a form. Any items sold now will be pure profit. Sally ok at present but may need a hand during the summer term when it will be a lot busier with the P1 induction meetings. Will be on display at Nursery prior to P1 Induction. Sally will speak with Jacqueline to go over all costings etc.

Race Night/Bingo Night – It was decided to hold the Bingo night on the evening we have the town hall booked for holding our race night. As these events were due to be held the same week, it was felt that as we need a bigger venue to allow all those wishing to attend the bingo night and as the town hall was already booked it was felt that this was an ideal option. Race night date will be amended TBC. Sam advised she was unable to help coordinate for the new date so Lynn Downie will help Valerie. Other offers of help came from Kevin, Sinead, Vicky, Donna and Gail.

SPTC Event Involving All Parents – Wednesday 4th March at Kellands School. We will provide the teas/coffee, Graeme will ask Marion for use of flasks. Could ask for home bakes. Elizabeth to write a bit to go into newsletter.

Website – Up and running.

Drawing Competition – Parent Council will run a competition with a book token as a prize. Pupils will be asked to make a drawing at home and they can then be displayed in the Library for the rest of the pupils to vote on. Help required from the Library helpers for this.

Parking/Safer Routes to School – Meeting on Wednesday 11th 7pm at Kellands School.

Dons Day Out – Shona to get a letter done to go out to all pupils.

We are Writers Book – cover chosen and should be ready mid/end February

School Meals – Asked if there was a policy on healthy eating as there have been concerns from parents that children are having to clear their plate before leaving the table even if they have tried but not liked the food. If there isn't a policy should there be one? School will have a word with staff to encourage the child to try but not insist they clear their plate. The concern was raised as some pupils were taking pack lunches when they are entitled to free meals. There has been an approx 25% increase since the free meals were introduced. Any parent concerned that their child is eating too

much – going up for seconds, should contact and advise the school that they do not wish their child to receive seconds.

Grant Applications – Graeme and Nick have been working on completing applications. Looking at various places to request funding.

AOCB

We have received information regarding a light up item purchased for the Halloween Disco and this will be advised to all parents/carers via the newsletter.

CLlr Cowling advised that Uryside would be 2016. Consultation due regarding Market Place on whether it should stay or not. Primary School at Crichton development but not in the first phase. New Academy is on Fast Track – Campus option chosen will include the Community Centre and Pool.

For next meeting`s agenda 22nd April 2015 – P7 Leavers donation from PC, Christmas Cards, Summer BBQ Coordinator/s

Meeting Closed 8.55pm