

Machanhill Parent Council Meeting - Held on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Present

Cheryl Marley, Stephen Shields, Charlene Barclay, Sarah Semple, Elizabeth Walker, Lynn Hunter, Emma Mackie, Graeme Clark, Ana Jornea, Caroline Stevenson, Ricky Hutton, Clair Finnan, Mrs Boyle, and Mrs Carson.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Zoe Hughes, Jill McNulty, Sharon McCallum, Vasile Jornea Emma Thomson, and Dawn Coffey.

Welcome

Cheryl opened the Meeting and welcomed members in attendance.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Boyle advised that the recent P1 Curriculum Evening was a great success. The event was well attended by parents/carers who were given an opportunity to see classwork and to speak with the P1 teachers.

Two drop in sessions facilitated by Emma the Barnardo's worker have taken place. These informal sessions which are held the first Wednesday of every month offer a space to chat with other parents/carers over a cuppa. Emma has also been engaging with families through cooking workshops and plans to look at anxiety and how to deal with this with P7 pupils. She also plans to attend the Parents' Evening.

Three girls are representing the school at SLC Swimming Gala on 16th November in the Leisure Centre.

Mrs. Boyle has met with Councillor Nelson and David Hinshelwood from Education Resources to discuss the issues around the path which leads to the main school gate. Options include extending the fence to prevent travel through the car park and to widen the existing path. All parties recognise and acknowledge the safety concerns and will look into sourcing funding to resolve the issues.

Following previous discussion, the school can report that several families from the Persimmon Estate have successfully applied for and are in receipt of transport to and from school for their children.

Agenda

Mrs. Boyle was asked why there appeared to be a varied level of Occupational Therapy (OT) support given to pupils with similar health needs. Mrs. Boyle encouraged parents to discuss their concerns with the school and explained that parents would need to contact their GP to discuss any health needs, who would then make a referral to OT as required.

Concern was raised about a parent who never received a phone call following their child having a head knock at school. Mrs. Boyle will follow up on this and ensure all staff follow the procedures in place.

Planning for the Christmas Fayre continues. A decision of which types of bouncy castles should be booked took place. The allocation of PC members to the various stalls was confirmed. Ricky offered to visit local shops to source donations for the raffle and tombola to supplement the donations which have already been kindly donated. Members were encouraged to ask friends and family for donations of gifts and prizes as well as items for the Pre-loved stall. It was agreed the first prize in raffle will be £100 One4all gift card.

A final decision on the placing of Santa's Grotto will take place once the gazebo is removed from under the stage and the size confirmed.

Access for the Fayre preparation on Tuesday 29th November is to be confirmed, but is likely be from 6pm or 6.30pm.

Access for the Fayre on Friday 2nd December is to be confirmed, but will need to be after lunchtime and likely be around 2pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 24th January 2023

Meeting Closed

Cheryl closed the meeting, and thanked those present for their attendance.