

Machanhill Parent Council Meeting - Held on Tuesday 24th January 2023

Present

Cheryl Marley, Stephen Shields, Zoe Hughes, Charlene Barclay, Sharon McCallum, Emma Thomson, Lynn Hunter, Emma Mackie, Graeme Clark, Vasile Jornea, Ricky Hutton, Mrs Boyle, and Mrs Hamilton.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Jill McNulty, Ana Jornea, Dawn Coffey, Elizabeth Walker, Clair Finnan, and Caroline Stevenson,

Welcome

Cheryl opened the Meeting and welcomed members in attendance.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Boyle advised that P7 children recently enjoyed a school trip to the Science Centre in Glasgow, and other school trips are planned before the summer.

Mrs. Hamilton, other staff and the children involved in the wonderful Christmas Show that was performed in December, were thanked by Mrs. Boyle for the work put into delivering a very successful and enjoyable show. It is hoped that another show can be performed again next December.

Next years P1 intake will be significantly less than this years intake. As a result there is likely to be one P1 class or a P1 class and a P1/P2 composite class. This will be dependent on several factors including placing requests which are still awaiting decisions. This also leads to staffing implications due to the number of P7 children leaving in the summer.

Following a recent Head Teacher meeting the school will be putting more focus on attainment levels for children and absence. Letters will be sent to parents advising that children will be required to complete unfinished work at intervals, lunchtime or in the home. Letters will also be sent home when attendance falls below a specified level.

Mrs. Boyle has met with engineers in regards to finding a solution to the issues around the path which leads to the main school gate. Plans and quotes have been submitted and are currently awaiting approval and funding to complete the necessary work.

Agenda

Christmas Fayre.

Feedback received shows that the Christmas Fayre was a great success. The event proved to be very popular with a great turnout on the night. Funds were also raised by hosting a Tombola at both performances of the Christmas Show. As a result, these fundraising events generated a profit of £3000 to bolster existing funds.

A breakdown of the income generated by each stall was given and a further detailed review of each stall will follow.

Mrs. Boyle thanked the Parent Council and all those that helped for their input and hard work in delivering a successful and profitable Fayre. Mrs. Boyle also thanked all those that very kindly donated gifts and services for the stalls and Christmas Raffle.

Nursery graduation is Friday 23rd June 2023.

The school will obtain quotes for sourcing P7 Leavers Hoodies and for obtaining sizes from the children. These will be in the school colours and should be issued to the children when the school closed for the Spring Break.

Discussion took place around Pre School nursery pupils attending the early End of Term Disco along with P1 to P3 pupils. P4 to P7 pupils would then attend the later disco. Further discussion regarding staffing and snacks/drinks will take place at the next meeting.

Suggestions were made to provide Easter eggs as a treat this year to pupils, rather than Creme Eggs which were given in previous years. This is due to the lower price and promotions available for Eggs. Local supermarkets are to be contacted to help reduce the total cost of the Easter treat.

The hosting of other fundraising events in the community was also discussed. Separate detailed discussions to organise these will take place away from the actual PC meetings.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 21st February 2023

Meeting Closed

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