

Machanhill Parent Council Meeting - Held on Tuesday 21st February 2023

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies were received from Jill McNulty, Vasile Jornea, Emma Thomson, Dawn Coffey, Elizabeth Walker,

Welcome

Cheryl opened the Meeting and welcomed members in attendance.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs. Boyle advised that work is ongoing around resolving the issues regarding the path and fencing leading to the main school gate. Authorisation has been sent to the Housing and Technical site manager who will liaise with the fencing installation company. It is hoped that work is completed prior to the end of March.

P7 pupils have returned from their trip to Lockerbie Manor, where they displayed exemplary behaviour. The children had a brilliant time, and almost everyone completed or at least tried all of the available activities. Consultation on next year is about to begin using Google forms.

Dental inspections are to take place for P1 and P7 pupils on 23rd February.

The school and nursery are due to be closed on 28th February and 1st of March due to planned strike action.

Plans are in place to introduce a new Parent Portal which is intended to streamline contact with the school. The aims will allow one place for parents to access and update Data checks, parent evening appointments, report cards, pupil attendance and Parent Pay once it is introduced. More details will follow after staff have been trained in its use.

Appointments for parents evening are due to be issued soon.

Agenda

P1 Intake dates are still to be confirmed, but are expected to coincide with P7 transition visits towards the end of May. Parent Council members will be invited to attend to speak of the work done by the PC.

P7 Hoodies - Sizes of all pupils have been collated and the order has been processed by the office staff. The cost has been paid for by PC. Pupils will be issued with them when the school receive them and allowed to wear them after the Easter break.

Easter eggs for nursery and school pupils have been purchased and delivered to the school. Charlene has offered to source the remaining eggs required for pupils with dietary requirements.

Involvement in this years Gala Day on 17th of June was discussed. It was agreed that the PC should create a shortlist of themes and for the pupils to make the final decision.

Emma shared details of Spring Clean Scotland's campaign and her desire for the school and PC to support this venture. She will liaise with the school and try to agree on a suitable date.

Mrs. Boyle agreed to invite Mr. Todd to attend the P7 Leavers barbecue at the end of term, due to this year group being the penultimate group he worked with.

This years Spring Disco is on 25th of April and will be free to all pupils. It was agreed the first disco will be from 6pm - 7pm for P1 to P3 pupils, and the second disco 7.15pm - 8.15pm for P4 to P7 pupils. No snacks will be provided, however water will be available for pupils outside of the hall.

Plans for the Car Boot sale on 25th of March continue with many Crafters already booked their space on the day, with many spaces also still available. The school have offered trestle tables for a small cost should any be required. It is intended that the PC host a stall selling tea, coffee and pocket money sweets. Sharon & Cheryl have agreed to create artwork for a flyer that can be shared on the school App and sent out with all pupils to promote the event.

Applications for admittance to the school Breakfast Club can be found on the school App. Mrs. Boyle advised that children cannot arrive at the Breakfast Club with medication, due to staff not having access to complete proper paperwork or storage facilities.

Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting Closed

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