

Sciennes PS Parent Council AGM

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 6.30pm

Sciennes PS, Room 16

Voting attendees:

Caroline McKellar, co- chair

LeeAnne Boyle, treasurer

Grant Catto, comms group

Claire Carr, EFG co-convenor

Rachel Gregson , EFG co-convenor

Janine Ridley, clubs convenor

Shane Buckeridge, P7 year rep

Gidona HENDERSON, P6 year rep

Christine Knox, P5 year rep

Gordon Stove, Football Chair

Josie Pilcher, Fruit Group

Chigdem Arslan, P3 Year Rep & ASN Rep

Lena Lorenz, P1 year rep

Non-voting attendees:

Sharon McGhee, HT

Carolyn Anstruther, DHT

Lucy Gallagher, DHT

Jenni McGrouther, Principal Teacher

Amanda Vardy, clerk

Diana Rapan

Sean McGivern

Susie Braham

Emma Moulds

William Worthington

CLlr Pauline Flannery

Welcome

Caroline welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the evening's proceedings. The meeting was started at 6.45pm

Caroline expressed a Huge Thank You to Brenda Ellis who has been a constant support to the PC over many years and who is retiring at the end of the current session. Brenda will be missed very much.

Minutes from 2023 AGM

No actions were carried forward from the last AGM

If any amendments are noted at a later date please advise Amanda Vardy, PC Clerk.

Headteacher Report

Sharon McGhee

- 'None of us is as smart as all of us'.
- Ms McGhee focused her overview on Partnership.
- Thank you to all the staff, families, and children for being such an integral part of the school and for all the partnerships formed around this.
- Thank you to the PC for the continued support.
- Delighted to report that the recent Inspection Report has improved due to the Partnerships within the school and the grades have gone from SATISFACTORY TO GOOD, and GOOD TO VERY GOOD

Treasurer's Report

LeeAnne Boyle

The full report is available on the Parent Council Website.

- FFS @ £8700 income (swim-a-thon)
 - £5500 funding on school trips
 - £400 expenses
- Spending Plan @ £37000 total
- £9000 carried over from last session
- £27500 paid to school
- Money left over in the bank to fund items at the beginning of next session
 - Grass Surface @ £7610
 - P1 Play materials @ £432
 - Folding Tables @ £400
 - Furniture @ £10000
 - Sound System @ £4787
 - Playground repairs @ £890
 - Play Materials @ £390
 - Wobble boards and Sound Clouds @ £2500
 - Baking Equipment @ £295

The PC receives £826 per year from Edinburgh City Council to fund the running costs of the PC.

Limited funds from CEC due to location of school in affluent area

The accounts have not yet been reviewed and signed off as currently in DRAFT form due to an IT issue
The accounts are available to be viewed by request.

LeeAnne thanked everyone for the ongoing support.

Caroline thanked LeeAnne for all her hard work.

Group Reports

All Group Reports are available on the PC Website

Comms Group

Grant Catto

- WhatsApp @ 394 members – main comms route
- New Website Launched in September
- Website is main area for any information about the school, classes, clubs etc as well as online shop and booking platform
- Class Reps/ Year Reps in place except P1
- Online shop/eCommerce has taken £18200 since it's launch.
- Any Feedback is very welcome
- Thank you for all the ongoing support

Events and Fundraising

Claire Carr/Rachel Gregson

Full report available on PC website

- Summer Fair raised £8795
- P4/6 Enterprise raised approx. £2200 at the fair, largest amount ever raised
- Photographs released yesterday
- Photographs raised £7178
- Lots of Successful events this year....
 - Halloween Trail

- T-Towels
- Quiz Night
- Bake Sales
- Uniform and Badge Sales
- Anyone wanting to get involved please contact – everyone is welcome
- Lots of Thank yous.....
- Massive Thank you to the school and all the school staff
- Total raised this year @ £34541
- Lots more fun things to come in the new session.....Watch this space!

Fruit Group

Josie Pilcher

- Fruit Fridays are very successful
- Kids Love it!!
- 8-10 parents each week to prepare the platters
- 43 volunteers on the WhatsApp Group
- £120 per week for fruit
- Fruit from local greengrocer on Argyle Place
- Thanks to Helen Holroyd washes up each week
- Thanks to all the Sciennes Parents
- Thanks to LeeAnne re payment for the fruit
- Helen Holroyd will take over as Fruit Group Convenor

Clubs

Janine Ridley

- Very Busy Session
- 23 Clubs, Approx 300 members
- Option for Yoga Club but restricted accommodation
- Language and sports clubs
- New website for online registration using Google Forms
- Thanks to LeeAnne and Grant for the help with setting up the website.
- Thanks to Brenda for ParentPay.

Football

Gordon Stove

See Comprehensive report on PC website.

- 23/24 Season – Record year
- 237 boys and girls are registered for this club + P1 which takes it to 256 kids in total
- 160 boys and 77 girls
- Using Peffermill Training Ground as it is a very safe environment, and the club has a very good relationship with Edin Uni for the use of the ground
- Booked the Meadows for Saturday mornings
- Peffermill used if weather is inclement but has a cost implication of £300 per session
- A very successful club
- £5 increase in fees for next session to allow for a contingency of the use of Peffermill more regularly
- Sciennes Cup – May - 400 Girls from 14 Primary schools
- A very satisfying year
- Club would like to Thank Brenda Ellis and LeeAnne Boyle for their support with PVG
- Gordon's final year as Chairperson of the club – Jim Sorrell will succeed Gordon at the end of next session

Eco Group

Kirstin Unger

NO UPDATE

ASN Group

Chigdem Arslan

- Survey for parents going out on Monday
- Informal support for parents
- WhatsApp group
- Parental feedback re Soft start at Fairs etc

Playground Group

Caroline McKellar

- Steve Burgess/ Pauline Flannery – Massive Thank You for the support of the local councilors
- TRO is Approved
- TRO to be in place by August (start of the session)
- TRO design is underway but still to be confirmed and has been done in partnership with the school and PC
- Improve safe streets set up @ same time as TRO
- 2nd TRO to address either end of the approved current TRO, Close roads to all pedestrians
- Pursue legal argument re restriction of use during school hours
- Huge Thank You from the school to Caroline for her commitment to this.

P7 YearBook

- Josie and 4 other P7 parents have helped to bring this together.
- Inaugural P7 Yearbook
- Full of quotes, photos, messages, and Teachers comments
- Kids really looking forward to receiving this at the end of the session.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chair – Caroline nominated by LeeAnne / seconded by Grant	Caroline elected
Vice-Chair – Leda nominated by Caroline / seconded by LeeAnne <i>(Leda will be standing down at the next PC Meeting and a new Vice Chair will be elected – Leda not present at this meeting to resign her position)</i>	Leda Elected
Treasurer – LeeAnne nominated by Caroline / seconded by Grant	LeeAnne Elected
Fundraising Co- Convener– Claire nominated by Caroline/ seconded by Grant	Claire Elected
Fundraising Co- Convener– Rachel nominated by Caroline/ seconded by Grant	Rachel Elected
Comms Convener – Grant nominated by LeeAnne/ seconded by Caroline	Grant Elected
Active Travel Convener – Franca McLeod nominated by Caroline/seconded by Grant	Franca elected
PVG convenor – LeeAnne will take on this role on a temporary basis	
Clubs Convener – Janine nominated by Caroline/Seconded by LeeAnne	Janine elected

- Janine to be in a paid role as no longer a parent at the school

All other PC members happy to continue with their current roles.

23/24 Year Reps – Grant proposed/Caroline seconded

- P1 TBC
- P2 Elinor McGivern
- P3 Lena Lorenz
- P4 Chigdem Arslan
- P5 Franca McLeod

- P6 Christine Knox and Rebecca Jo Rushdy
- P7 Gidona Henderson

Vacancies

- PVG Convenor
- P1 Year Rep

Succession Planning

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Comms
- Fundraising
- Treasurer

Caroline thanked everyone for their continued support.

To End Caroline thanked everyone for attending the meeting and looks forward to next session. Caroline wished everyone a good summer.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

The Date for the Next PC Meeting TBC.