

Sciennes PS Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2024 @ 7pm
via MS Teams

Voting attendees:

Emma Moulds Co Vice-Chair
Becky Carter, Co Vice-Chair
Grant Catto, comms group
Claire Carr, Fundraising & Events Co-Convenor
Rachel Gregson, Fundraising & Events Co-Convenor
Helen Holroyd, Fruit Group
Sean McGivern, Co-Treasurer
Belinda McGhie, P1 Rep
Susie Braham, P2 Rep
Lena Lornez, P3 Rep
Chigdem Arslan, P4 & ASN Rep
Franca Macleod, P5 Rep
Christine Knox, P6 Co- Rep
Rebecca Jo Rushdy, P6 Co-Rep
Gidona Henderson, P7 Rep

Non-voting attendees:

Sharon McGhee, HeadTeacher
Lucy Gallagher, DHT
Carolyn Anstruther, DHT
Jenni McGrouther, Principal Teacher
Amanda Vardy, clerk
Susie B
Jen H
Jenny Man
Katie Dunlop
Nicky Atkinson
Sarah Alexander
Carlos Vanegas
Steven Glass
Tirtho Dasgupto
Sally McFarlane
Rebecca Gerrard
Sally Cowburn
Sarah MacPhail
K.C
Sabina Saradova
Ian MacPhail
Katie Dunlop
SG
Lisa Finlay
Estelle Kellear Manson
Catarina Rei
Richard Munro
Cinthia Medvado
Sophie MP
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4 x unknown users

Welcome

Emma opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone. Emma gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

Apologies

Gordon Stove, Football Chair
Janine Ridley, Clubs Convenor
LeeAnne Boyle, Co Treasurer

Caroline MacKellar, Chair

Previous Minutes

Approved, no amendments.

Headteacher Update

Sharon McGhee

- Open Mornings very successful and thanks to all who attended.
- Huge Thanks for the Halloween Discos
 - Great Costumes
 - Totally inclusive
- All PC fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated by the school
- Very close Staff Team who very much appreciated everyday
- Staffing News
 - New Administrator appointed – Duncan Tanner, currently awaiting PVG to commence asap
 - Julie Lei – Pupil Support Assistant
 - Rhona Kennedy retiring in December – Support for Learning
 - Support for Learning Teacher post current at advert
- Pupil Leadership Groups are up and running successfully
 - Pupil Voice
 - See yourself.
 - Race
 - Inclusivity
 - Gender
 - Faith
- Sharing Classroom Experience
 - Ms McGhee goes into class and observes
 - Ms McGhee & Teacher observes
 - Plan, observe, Teach lesson in Trios
 - Quality Assurance
 - St Leonard's Nursery follows the same programme
 - Observation through play
- Weekly video to all children is very well received.
 - "It's me, Ms McGhee!"
- Mobile Phones in School
 - Headteachers Learning Community Meeting – feeders to JGHS
 - Mobiles phones permitted in school
 - Phones switched off during the school day
 - Further investigation to continue
 - Impact on Brain development, concentration, socialization
 - Further consultations
 - School Community Approach
 - Planning Next steps
- Coffee Morning for GIFREC well attended, Thanks to Chigdem
- ASN Survery closes Friday 22nd Nov – Meeting to review results
- Sways/Homework – reviewed each week by Jenni McGrouther – may change
 - Survey to parents re appropriate Homework communication
 - Ease of use
 - Is this the correct way to communicate homework?

Any further questions for the HeadTeacher to be directed to the admin@sciennes email address.

Treasurer Report

Sean McGivern

- £34000 in the bank
- £62000 required to fund Library revamp.
- Spending plan to be implemented in the New Year
- Succession planning for LeeAnne leaving at the end of the session
 - Anyone interested in supporting Sean contact the PC email address

Group Updates

Playground/Roads Update

Gidona Henderson for Caroline

- Meeting with CEC
- Design team don't have capacity to do the design of the outdoor space at present – paused meantime with no future date (2-3 months before likely to know a future date)
- Road area to be a playground space.
- PC may commission a private company to carry out design task but need to check with council that this would be accepted and meet council regulations.
- Working hard with local councilors, a very supportive team
- An ETRO (Experimental TRO) which requires no legislation can also be applied for and these last for 18 months
 - Close area from school to nature strip during school hours
 - Discuss with local councilors & chair of travel committee.
 - Requires sponsor.
- Heras fencing to remain in place.
- Physical barrier to be determined at the design process.
- Pedestrians/Bike lane to be channeled along the nature strip side of the pavement
- Disabled Parking/access required nearer to the school.
- Rachel Gregson has contacts in Sustrans she could ask to review the area?
- Process has been ongoing for 12 years – very political
- **All comms to CEC to go through the school or PC Chair due to sensitive nature of the process**
- Anyone interested in joining the Playground Group please contact Caroline.

Comms

Grant Catto

- Website
- WhatsApp Group
 - Encourage all parents to join as this is where the most accurate and up to date information is communicated
- Comms via Winter Fair
- Comms via Class Reps stopping
- PC Bulletin will be sent out by the school office

Fundraising and Events

Claire Carr/Rachel Gregson

- Dates for the Diary
 - Winter Fair – 30th November
- Halloween Discos raised £1300
- **WINTER FAIR 30/11/24**
 - Tickets on website
 - Year Group Tasks
 - P1 – Bake Sale
 - P2 – Toys
 - P3 – Secret Gifting Room
 - P4 – Glitter Tattoos
 - P5 – Cloakroom
 - P6 – Chocolate Fountain
 - P7 – Raffle Tickets
 - Flyers out in school bags with summary for requests

- Donations for class Hampers
 - Toys/Books – good condition
 - Xmas Jumpers
 - Baking
 - Wrapping Paper
 - Catering Volunteers
 - Gifts for Secret Gifting Room
- o Volunteer to manage the Catering throughout the event
 - Volunteer from the allergy group would be good to oversee catering also
- eCommerce site on website
- School badges for sale - sold on ParentPay
- The devolved responsibility to year groups is working well and will be continued.
 - o P1 – Tea Towels
 - o P2 – Bake Sales (3-4 per year)
 - o P3 – Photographs
 - o P4 – Halloween Disco
 - o P5 – Bake Sales
 - o P6 – Xmas Trees
 - o P7 – Tea Towels/ Year Books
 - o All years Winter/Summer Fairs
- Parents Quiz Night date TBC
- Merch – for sale at Xmas (3 weeks to order via ParentPay)
 - o Cards
 - o Mug
 - o Waterbottle
 - o Calendar
- sciennesfundraiser@gmail.com
- **HELP WITH XMAS TREE COLLECTON AND DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – ANYONE AVAILABLE FROM 1030AM TO HELP OUT WOULD BE VERY WELCOMED!!!**
- *Santa Goes Green initiative – Grant to share FB page*

Allergy Group

- Susie B – Food Allergies family group, inclusion for kids with food allergies/intolerances – asking for help with promotion via PC – Grant to publish blog via WhatsApp and Website
- Can 'Free From' products be advertised so children with food allergies are aware of the available food
- Chigdem to flag availability of 'Free From' foods at school events via Allergy group
- Grant to liaise re Comms to the wider community
- School makes every effort to be inclusive

Football

NO UPDATE

Eco Group

- **Sally Cowburn has been running this for several months and provided an update**
- Sally to be voted in as Eco Group convenor
- Bulb planting with year groups
- Green Group work with Daryl Gladstone re ongoing plans
- Edible planting in the springtime

Voting

Sally Cowburn proposed by Grant, Seconded by Emma - Sally elected

Clubs

NO UPDATE

Fruit Group

Helen Holroyd

- Large fruit platters of all types of fruits
- Delivered to each class every Friday by P7 pupils.
- 40 parents on WhatsApp group
- 6-12 parents weekly
- Looking to recruit new parents from the younger classes for succession planning.
- All welcome on a Friday morning after drop off to cut up some fruit – no long-term commitment required
- More funds required – donate via ParentPay
- Halloween Themed platters very successful

ASN Update

Arslan Chigden

- Working on survey – informal network for support
- Survey Results to be published when available – meeting to review soon
- 35 on WhatsApp Group
- Inclusion Report
 - £4 million cut
 - Meeting requested but denied
 - Deputation submitted by Currie HS ASN Rep
 - Meeting planned, awaiting minutes
 - Petition on class WhatsApp group
- Parent Council Chair required to be involved with ASN meetings
- Informal meetings to be arranged following school survey results.
- ASDA funding request – signed up today by Emma on behalf of the PC
- PC Chairs to meet with Daniel Johnston

EXPENSES VOTING

HOT WATER URNS x2 @£156 – APPROVED

FOLDING TABLES x6 – APPROVED

Succession Planning / Vacant Roles.

- FFS – Fundraising person required could be a current member of the Sciennes PC Fundraising group.
- Football Group Treasurer
- Co-Treasurer

AOCB

- *New Building has been given 2 prestigious awards – Huge thanks to Carolyn and the pupil group for all the hard work and involvement in making the building what it has become.*
- *Grant – Huge thanks to Emma for chairing tonight's meeting for the 1st time*

Emma closed the meeting at 8.10pm with Thanks to everyone who attended and encouraged everyone to join the meetings again and get involved with the PC activities throughout the year.

Next Meeting date 16th January 2025 @ 7pm via MS Teams

