

CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2015

AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Katrina Reynolds (Chairperson), Mark Kinghorn, Joy Hope, Julien Lake, Nadine Moore (Treasurer), Emma Jones (Correspondence Secretary), Angie Donoghue (Minute Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Kirsty Chalmers, Jan Weeks, Catriona Craze, Leeann Ross, Claire Duff.

WELCOME: Katrina discussed last minutes

HEAD TEACHERS REPORT: *Sorry not been sent through yet.*

SWIMMING LESSONS: Katrina rang Eyemouth Swimming Pool to see if the lesson day was still available. She's waiting for Allison to get back to her. She is to ask her to ring school so Mr. Trussler can confirm their lessons cover all requirements our kids need, to get their blue card and other things they need for sailing.

Katrina thinks lessons were for a Wednesday morning at 10am, which Mr. Trussler said is fine. We are aiming to start lessons in February and have an 8 week block for P7's. Once day confirmed Katrina will confirm with Robertson's buses, who are to send the bill direct to Martin Tennant at Ahlstrom for them to pay.

Mr. Trussler to get out permission slips for parents and we are asking for £1 per week, per child.

Greenvale donated £150 so we are hoping to use this money to give P6 an 8 week swimming block lesson to start after Easter break.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE: We need to get more people to like and share our pages. This is an excellent tool to get information out to parents and others about what is happening in our school, and to help encourage parents to get involved.

We need to get PC minutes and any events we are planning onto School Website page and our Fb page, and push our PC Agenda's for our meetings on fb page a week prior to our meetings and post a few days before again.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: Katrina and Emma are going to attend this meeting at EHS on 20th January.

FUND RAISING:

Halloween Disco Feedback:

Younger kids were too scared of older kids. It was late finishing for younger kids. It was a little manic. We didn't raise as much but is this due to not having P7's.

We took £216.22 - Gillian's bill of £50 for juice and crisps.

Christmas Fayre:

Was a success. We raised £1410.43 - Price of t-shirts.

Roughly made per stall: Cups £103. Reindeer Food, Olaf Food & Candy Canes £170.80. Lucky Dip £20, Raffle £314.17. Door & Santa £279.46. Tombola £287. Home baking £78.60. Tables £105. There were also 2 tubs with £30.57 & £33.10, Nadine not sure which possible face painting.

Notes for next year: Santa 85 gifts need more candy canes, sort date earlier and organize stalls and get them to pay a deposit before June, suggested date 27th Nov 2015. Door entry fee was too cheap.

Easyfundraising: Katrina has got us registered with Easyfundraising, which is where on-line companies, like Amazon, will donate money to us with every purchase. We need to get parents signed up to this, so then when they buy on-line we get donations. Emma will look into getting a guide on how to do this, and get it to parents.

PLAN EVENTS FOR YEAR AHEAD

Valentine Disco: We will host a valentine disco on Thursday 12th February 2015

All Nursery (with parent present) - P3 6.15-7.15

P4 - P7 7.30-8.30

£2 per child. £5 per family

*Need to ask Steven if he can DJ if not Nadine said Ewan would.

*Angie to book hall

*Emma to put out requests for helpers

*Have more games for younger ones.

*Possible Tuck Shop for older ones

We didn't discuss flyers/ juice and crisps/ games/ decorations/ themes????

Coffee Morning: We are thinking about a Spring Fair & Photo Exhibition which would be held on Saturday 25th April at Chirnside Primary School. Stalls, Tombola, Raffle.

David Hume Group are planning a photography project for P5-P7 pupils. They will get pupils to look at everyday aspects of Chirnside and get them to take photos. Mark Kinghorn will be helping with this. We could Exhibit their work at our Fayre.

Tea's and Coffee's on Sports Day: To be discussed closer to time.

Shorts and Shades Disco: Will plan closer to time.

Fund Applications: Julien Lake has offered to make funding applications for things that our school needs, which would help with our kids education. We will have a think of things we think we might need where funding could help.

Fund Raising Goals: Mr. Trussler has asked for us to come up with fund raising ideas with a long term goal. He would like to come up with a way to identify a clear progression through curricular areas, and to fund that core resource, although he is not sure what that resource will be yet. He was thinking about £2500 for a full year. He will let us know when he knows more.

PARENT COUNCIL NIGHT OUT: We are planning a night out for any PC Members or any parents who would like to come along at the Waterloo Pub on Friday 30th January 2015. Get some food, some drinks, chat and unwind.

Treasurers Report: In bank £3603.24.

AOB:

Panto: We had an outdoor theatre company come into school before Christmas and perform Sinbad the Sailor. Afterwards when Mr. Trussler spoke to the children and the teachers about it, they weren't very inspired or enthusiastic about it. Teaching staff were very critical.

Over the years we have had M&M Theatre Company in but they charge £800, which means we run at a loss. Mr. Trussler to see if he can get more discount. He will also look into other theatre companies and price up a possible trip out to Malting's or Duns depending on logistics of it all.

Pupil Toilets: Mr. Trussler will show us toilets next time.

Resilient Schools: Mr. Trussler pointed out that if the bad weather comes that is forecast during January, this could be a problem as 2 of the local teachers who would cover our school are still off work at present so this could affect which classes that can attend. Only children who live in walking distance are allowed to attend, and numbers will be from P7 down.

Behavioural Management: Some parents have asked me to ask about the differences in the management on children's behavior. How there has been incidences of violence, where nothing has seemed to have happened to them, and some pupils who are naughty or disruptive and seem to get punished over the top.

Mr. Trussler and Mrs. Harvey are working on a training plan for teachers.

School Dinners: Some parents and children have been complaining about school dinner portion sizes, they were asking if it's the same portion size for P1 as it is for P7. Some kids are so hungry when they go home.

Mr. Trussler suggested getting a subcommittee together and arrange a meeting with Beverley to come up with a solution.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 19TH MARCH AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL