



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Name of group - Danderhall Parent Council and PTA

Date - 03.10.22

Agenda item	Minutes	Action Needed Y/N
Welcome and attendees	<div>D.Donnelly (HT)</div> <div>L.Morris (PT)</div> <div>A.Kvasiliene (Chair Person)</div> <div>T.Woods (Secretary)</div> <div>R.Finlayson</div> <div>L. McFadyen</div> <div>L.Mulholland</div> <div>P.Cornhill</div> <div>D.Coskun</div> <div>S.McColl</div> <div>R.Livingstone</div> <div>K.Reed</div> <div>M.Devlin</div> <div>S.Harris</div>	
Apologies	<div>L.Stewart</div> <div>M.Rafferty</div>	
Previous Minutes	Previous meeting minutes shared by A.Kvasiliene	
Headteacher report	<div>- HT introduction to new members</div> <div>- Staffing</div> <div>Mrs Willis (P1C) is moving on to a new position with Edinburgh University and will be leaving on 28th October. P1C parents will be notified about the new class teacher as soon as it is confirmed.</div> <div>6 new Learning Assistant posts will be advertised soon.</div> <div>- Snagging</div> <div>DD is still trying to sort the timing of the school bell.</div> <div>There was recent maintenance work on the dining hall ceiling and this is now watertight.</div> <div>Privacy fencing is being added to the nursery fence that runs down Woolmet Crescent.</div> <div>DD is trying to source storage/containers for the school staging as it currently takes up a lot of space.</div> <div>- Pupil Council</div>	

	<p>Members have been appointed. There is a representative from each class. Photos and information about each member will be displayed on the Pupil Council board. There will hopefully be some collaboration with Parent Council in future events such as Road Safety Awareness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - House Captains Captains have been elected. They had to write and share their election speech with the whole school and pupils then voted for who they wanted as their House Captain. - Outing P6 enjoyed taking part in an outdoor Maths learning experience at Queen Margaret University. While this was a really positive and worthwhile experience the coach for this short trip cost £195. - Midlothian Adult Learning Team This team have organised a 'Bacon Butty' morning on Tuesday 4th October for parents so they can share some of the courses/events on offer. - Rag Bag A collection will take place on Friday 28th October. Any bags of clothes/shoes should be brought to the school on the day as they cannot be stored prior to the collection day. Rag Bag give a payment to the school based on the weight of the clothes collected. - Parent Consultations These take place on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th October. Google forms to give day/time preference have been sent out. It is best practice for children to also attend these meetings to talk about their learning. - SEESAW. The use of SEESAW is still suspended in all Midlothian Schools. Any updates or changes to this will be reported to parents. - Active Schools Activities have now started and children are enjoying the different sports and activities on offer. - P6 and P7 Cross Country This has been postponed to 30th March. - Dates A reminder that dates for upcoming events in the school are on the school newsletter. - PTA/PC Teas/Coffees DD asked if PTA/PC will be providing Teas/Coffees at the Parent Consultations to promote the committee and possibly recruit more members. 	<p>AK will speak to L.S and M.R about this.</p>
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Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Safety TW e-mailed G.Bathgate to ask for clarity of where a patrol should be placed. G.Bathgate replied and explained the process on patrol placements. The current placements are based on the greatest number of pupil pedestrians and volume of traffic. However, this will be checked again on the next site visit alongside the Road Safety Engineer. - Fundraising- Halloween Disco Halloween Disco is booked for Tuesday 25th October to raise funds for the school and After School Club. There will be 2 discos - ELC and P1-3 (5.30-6.30) and P4-7 (7 - 8) ELC parents will be asked to stay with their children. We have had a number of parents volunteer to support one or both discos. A.Kvasilene will confirm the times/roles with volunteers in the next couple of weeks Tickets will cost £2 and this will include a drink and snack. The Community Hub sound system will be used for music but a microphone is needed to help with games. Parent Council will try to source this for the discos. Decoration donations will also be asked for. - Fundraising- Dress up/Dress down day Friday 28th October will be a Dress up/Dress down day for pupils from ELC - P7 and £1 donation per child will go to school funds. DD will check how this is done using Parent Pay. No masks or face paint allowed. - Fundraising- Christmas Cards AK asked if this can happen again this year. DD happy for this to go ahead. Information will go out to parents as soon as possible. - Fundraising- Christmas Hampers These will go ahead again this year. Raffle tickets for these went through Parent Pay previously. AK will check if this can happen again. Requests for donations will be sent out soon so hampers can be made up. 	<p>AK to contact parent helpers</p> <p>PC/PTA source microphones/ decorations</p> <p>LS to contact the company and source the packs etc</p> <p>PC/PTA to ask for donations</p>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework It was asked if Homework was being set in all classes as it was not clear to parents what was being set and when. DD will speak to staff at the next CAT session and then communicate to parents about expectations etc. - P1 Mixing P1 parents had asked for a little information about the classes mixing for learning experiences. DD and LM explained that P1 pupils have been mixing during certain learning activity rotations. This was to ensure pupils got to experience the different classroom environments and play equipment. It also allows pupils to develop and build relationships with different pupils and staff. The parents attending the meeting all agreed this was a really good idea and the children had spoken positively about this. - P1 letters and sounds Some parents were worried that they were not using the correct letter sounds that P1 have been learning. DD suggested some online videos/sound bytes to support this (Jolly Phonics) but also explained that children would only be sent sounds that they already know the sound of. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Party This will be considered if the Halloween Disco is a success. - Christmas Jumper/Halloween Costume Swap Parents had suggested the possibility of a jumper/costume swap. It will be considered by PC/PTA and discussed again at the next meeting - Newsletter Parents asked where this could be found if the school app was not working. Newsletters can be found on the school app, website and a link will be put on the PC/PTA Facebook page. - Parent Pay Some parents were experiencing difficulties with this so were directed to contact the school office. - Meetings DD asked if meetings should happen every 6 weeks rather than monthly. It was agreed to try this and the next meeting will be Monday 14th November. 	
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