

PAPDALE PARENT COUNCIL
AGM
MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017
6PM PAPDALE STAFFROOM

Present: Julia Sherriffs, Claire Louttit, Karyn Tait, Leah Rendall, Inga Allan, Anthea Hume, Nicola Reid, Tanya Blowfield, Mrs Bruce, Mr Balfour, Joanne Tait, Ruth Drever,

1 Apologies: Rachal Thomson, Angela Crawford, Diane Clark

2 Various children representing the three groups in the school gave an excellent presentation on “Global Goals”. They represent the Eco Club, Pupil Council and Games Parliament. They are focusing on particular areas of the global goals. The Pupil Council will look at quality education, the Eco Club will look at clean water and sanitation and the games parliament will look at gender equality.

3 Minutes of AGM Sept 2016 proposed by Anthea, seconded by Julia.

3 Matters Arising: none

4 Chairperson’s Report: see attached

5 Treasurer’s Report: Unfortunately Angela Crawford the Treasurer was unable to attend the AGM but provided the bank statement which shows total funds in the bank as £9379.56. A healthy bank balance and one which the Parent Council are keen to spend rather than keep in the bank.

6 HT Report:

There is a new document SQR Standards and Quality Report available on the school website for all to refer to. The school is keen for all parents to be contacted by emails and the xpressions text service so they can become a paperless school and reduce the number of texts sent by the school which cost 5p per text.

There is a new standardised assessment for all P1, P4 and P7 children using literacy and numeracy to assess a child’s progress. There are new Read Write Count bags for P4-7 children to be used as a loan system. The bags contain books and equipment for loan with literacy and numeracy items. Papdale are to trial these bags and ask parents for feedback. These bags are from the Scottish Book Trust and Government.

The last sessions in school have seen interdisciplinary Orkney wide projects of The Battle of Jutland and Magnus 900 Celebrations. The next one is focusing on Japan incorporating Science, Engineering, Maths and arts. There will be a member of staff on the planning group and it will begin in term 3/4.

There has been budget talks the number of teachers are up and the restructure of P1,2,3 was put off but unsure how August 2018 will be structured. It is hoped the number of teachers will remain but likely cuts in Support for Learning allocation. Papdale got funding from pupil equity fund grant and therefore extra support for learning and raising the attainment in literacy and numeracy for those less fortunate to ensure all are able to achieve and be successful. There are several temporary contracts and financial constraints. However Papdale is progressing well Scotland wide.

Deputy Heads Mrs Amy McCracken for P1-4 and Mrs Michelle Dufort P5-7

The Nursery is now Managed separately by Miss Caroline Easton

7 Election of Office Bearers:

Chairperson –Karyn proposed by Julia and seconded by Tanya

Vice Chairperson –Joanne was proposed by Tanya seconded by Leah

Secretary – Tanya was proposed by Karyn and seconded by Julia

Treasurer –Ruth proposed by Leah and seconded by Anthea

8 Committee Members:

Nursery: Tanya and Ruth

P1 Nicola and Shayron

P2 Tanya Joanne, Inga

P3 Katie, Nicola

P4 Leah, Tanya, Jos, Lorna, Paula Craigie

P5 Jos, Inga, Karen,

P6 Jos, Anthea, Audrey

P7 Karyn, Karen, Tracy

9 AOB:

Parents Night – 4th and 5th October. New time slots are being trialled this year Wednesday 5-8pm, Thursday 3.30-6.30pm. Joanne will email round the committee once we get our time slots and she will then make up the rota and letter to the school with requests for raffle items etc.

Action: Tanya to email Joanne new contact list and letter for school

Action: Joanne to cover two boxes for the hampers, make rota up and send letter to the school for request for raffle items and baking etc.

Shopping Night 1st November – The Parent Council are very grateful to Leah, she has organised another exciting evening of sellers, 25 in total all Orkney themed. Leah to email advert to the Orcadian and email posters for people to display and to set up on Facebook so the committee can invite their friends.

Action: Leah to email the advert for the paper and email posters for people to print and put up. Kevin will add information to the school facebook page.

The Great Papdale Baking Book. It was felt with 400 hundred families at the school 1000 copies of the book would be a good number. Each year group will design a picture for a recipe section and the art teachers will judge for a winner for each.

Action: Ruth to find out printing prices from I-Design/ The Orcadian for 1000 copies.

Action: Leah to email letters to Joyce requesting recipes and art work from year groups.

Lagganlia fundraising it was felt that the parent council would offer the group if formed the Halloween and Christmas Disco. The Parent Council will be doing the shopping night, baking book and parents evening and perhaps an end of term disco next year.

The School are keen to add Perspex sheets at a cost of £2000 over project displays in the nursery corridor. The Parent Council are happy for this to be paid for from parent council funds.

Parking – A long standing ‘bone of contention’ with the school, but an ongoing one! It was suggested teachers park in the top car park where the bike racks are and then chain off the car park during the day. The Janitors perhaps putting cones out.

Action: Lorna to contact John Ross Scott and see if we can encourage him to help us!

Future Meetings all to be held at 6pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Papdale School:

9th October

4th December

12th February

23rd April
11th June

Meeting closed 7.40pm