

DEDRIDGE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

**05 February 2019
3.15pm**

Attending

Neil Campbell
Lorrain Campbell
Tammy McCourt
Amanda Kirwin
Jackie Spencer
Barney Todd
Kathryn French
Michele Elder

Apologies

Kayleigh Greig
Louise Corson

1. Review of Previous Minutes

Minutes had been distributed and agreed. Neil confirming that he still had to deal with the insurance.

2. Head Teacher's Report

Mrs French confirmed that she was in a position to spend the additional funds with purchases of ipads and tablets together with new dining tables which comes in at £6.5k. A quote has been received for Area C roughly £5k ish.

An acting principle has been appointed on a temporary basis until June with the hope that the PEF can continue to pay for Ciaran McRae.

The audit will be brought up at the next meeting with a 3 year action plan for any outstanding items highlighted.

The PEF brings in £76k which as mentioned will be used towards keeping Ciaran and also employing a family support worker or a speech and language teacher.

There is not to be replacement PE teacher and the class teachers will do basic PE with the children, and PE will also come under the STEAM project.

There is a project to be set up for 2021 in that modern languages will be brought into school namely French for P1-4 with P5-7 the children learning Mandarin or Spanish. This work would mainly be spoken and not written work.

3. Correspondence

Neil has received a letter from Mr Price who has request the sum of £100 for 300 books from second hand shops (fictional books), history books etc are being purchased by the school, Mrs French is looking at calling the library "Storyland". Mrs French went to say that if anyone has good knick books that could be donated would be grateful also lego bits to give the school first refusal.

4. A Night at the Oscars

Lorraine confirming what is required for this event. Food and drink to be purchased and prizes. Jackie and Amanda Morrison and Michele have confirmed as helping on the night along with Tammy too. Louise to put a FB request for parent helpers and it will be put in the letter too.

Easter Fair

Lorraine confirmed she has 10 stallholders provisionally booked at £15 a table together with a raffle prize.

Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Productions before the Easter break to enable further sales of raffle tickets.

A request for raffle prizes from the parents to be requested along with parent helpers to help run stalls. A chocolate tombola is to take place – eggs have been purchased.

Looking to have an Easter Bonnet competition with 50p entry fee, parade can be judged at the assembly like the Halloween one.

The possibility of making Easter crafts also at 50p.

Jackie to ask staff if they are willing to contribute to the Water/Wine table at £1 a shot.

5. Finances

Mrs Charles was able to produce a statement showing how much the Parent Council was holding and in total £3,110.34. We agreed that Lorraine be reimbursed for items purchased for the Oscars and Easter Fair.

Amanda to email Digital group to confirm they can go ahead and purchase the t-shirts and we will make up the difference. Amanda has done this.

A request from the Nursery as they are looking to bring in the Zoo Lab, they are attempting fundraising activities but with little success, it was suggested that perhaps if they could charge £2 per child and Parent Council will assist with the rest.

5. AOCB

Fun Run

It was discussed that during Health Week (which runs for 3 weeks before the end of the summer term) that we try and run a sponsored event – further details to be discussed at a later date.

School Lunches

Neil confirmed that food with sauces are being left too long and is sitting over at St Ninians and is setting and the children are not eating the meals and there is a lot of food wastage.

Mrs French this was an ongoing battle and she reports to the Council on a monthly basis. She confirmed she would fire back to the Council to say we have brought this issues up and hopefully we will get a response by our next meeting if not we will be able to get in touch with Council ourselves. Mrs French confirmed that West Lothian Council were applying for their Bronze Award.

Date of next meeting – 12 March 2019