

DEDRIDGE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

**27 August 2019
3.15pm**

Attending

Neil Campbell
Lorrain Campbell
Tammy McCourt
Amanda Kirwin
Michele Elder
Brenda Kelly
Amanda Morrison
Jackie Spencer
Barney Todd
Mrs French
Kayleigh Greig
Louise Corson

Apologies

None.

1. Review of Previous Minutes

No issues from previous Minutes.

2. Head Teacher's Report

Mrs French confirmed they were nearly at full compliment of staff and the school have started the new year off great.

Draft Communication Framework was passed around for Parent Council approval as Mrs French was hoping to get this out to the parents, weekly communications will be starting and Mrs French was convinced that all parents had given an email to enable to receive communications. Parents were also being directed to the school website for updates/information also. Mrs French agreed that the website needs to be updated regularly and that staff need to become more involved in updating the website.

Neil mentioned a phone app as parents are familiar with apps on phones, Mrs French was not prepared to look at an app at this time until all other technology routes are running more effectively – too many avenues.

3. Co-Opt New Members

Amanda Morrison confirmed that she only wished to be able to dip in and out at this stage and not to be a formal member. Michelle and Kayleigh were not at the AGM and wished to be co-opted in, Michelle was agreed by Lorrain and Louise and Kayleigh was agreed by Tammy and Lorrain.

Neil put forward for Michelle Elder to become Vice Chairman and this was accepted by the group.

4. Correspondence

No communication has been received into the mailbox nor from Connect regarding the insurance. Neil would check regarding the insurance to see if it has continued and to pay the additional.

Correspondence had been received via Facebook open page (not private) regarding gender changing rooms and Mrs French has spoken to the parents/children involved. Neil spoke with the parent and also confirmed that the post had been removed because of the content of it – child protection issues etc. Future enquiries should be directed to private message/emails.

5. Finance/Bank Account

Bank account now opened and Louise had received tax forms and it was advised to speak to the bank directly to confirm our purpose. Louise has emailed Mrs Charles to confirm this but had not received a reply. Mrs French and Mr Todd agreed to chase.

6. Proposed Events/Dates

Halloween

Discussion was as to whether it should be over two nights or one, date was fixed for 29 October 2019 the nursery would have a disco during the day on 29 October (TBC with nursery). Times would be 5-6pm for P1-3 and 7-9pm for P4-7, prices as per last year, £3 for 1 child, £5 for 2 children and £6 for 3 or more children.

Easter Fayre

Discussion was made whether to hold it on a Friday or Saturday and Neil suggested that if the school required an event for fundraising for the school then they can take the funds from this event after expenses. It was therefore agreed that the event would take place on Friday 27 March 2020 (TBC).

7. AOCB

Foodbank Friday will be continuing from September and Mrs French would put this in the newsletter.

Mrs French was under the impression that the P1 book bags had been given out and would chase this up.

School Fundraising

Mrs French had indicated that there will be sponsored events during Health PE Week, what sponsors they receive they will keep.

Funding will also come from the Easter Fayre after expenses as above. The Easter Fayre will be more of a Fun Day event too.

Colour Fun Run

This will be scheduled for 15 May 2020 whereby parents can pay to take part also.

Future Parent Council Meetings

These will take place in the Community Wing. Neil asked whether the Parent Council could take over the Simply Play office, she did not think this would be a problem but would at the space.

Photographs

Parent Council photographs require to be taken for the Pyramid in reception to show who the Parent Council Office Bearers are and for Council Members to indicate which class we have a child.

Mrs French to check the school Blog to see if Louise can be added as editor also.

Discussion was made regarding freshening up the games in the playground and costs of paint needs to be made.

Date of next meeting 24 September 2019 at 3.15pm.