

St Margaret’s PS Parent Council AGM

Date of meeting: 12th June 2024

Attendees:

Helen Snedden (Head teacher)	Ashley Johnston (DHT)	Louise Farquhar (Secretary)	Dawn Clarke (Treasurer)
Rosie Grant (Fundraising lead)	Mrs Melrose (PT)	Linda Matthews	Ami Tarnawski
Gavin Orr	Gemma O’Brien	Sarah Thomson	Kat
Pam Dixon	Stuart Dobbie	Jacqueline Smith	Lee Robertson

Apologies:

Agenda Item	Detail	Decision	Action
1. Welcome and apologies	DC welcomed everyone.		
2. Headteacher update	• SIP Priorities - This year the Curriculum has been updated - professional reading and weekly curriculum meetings. - Feb – focus on developing mastery in literacy. Involving learners next year also. - Focus on social justice and racial literacy. This is linked to an increase in pupils from other cultures and an increase in inappropriate comments. - Neuro-diversity continue as focus. - 25% have identified learning need and the school have identified that open door classrooms are very challenging for pupils with complex needs. The school are looking into how they can support Stage 3 learners. - Complex needs funding application was put in by HS but no monies granted.		

	- All staff including support staff to attend collegiate time at how to best meet the needs of ASN pupils in the future – research, reading etc. - HS directed those present in the school to look at the ‘learning pit’ on the wall in the classroom – an example of how pupils are taught to be resilient and see learning as a journey. - HS discussed the training she has been on in relation to these priorities. • 2024/25 budget - £18 000 budget for next session. HS explained that with only £10 000 for resources this is a very challenging situation. - HS said that SMART TVs are needed to update technology. The school currently only has one. - PEF is £32 000 (£1 200 per pupil). Most PEF learners are meeting learning needs though Stage 3 learners are finding it more of a challenge. Most of the PEF is going on support staff and the remainder is the going to go towards the school looking at other ways to meet the needs of complex learners (see above). • Other priorities - HS would like to join groups – wellbeing group with PC at points. “one big team”		
3. Parent Council/PTA Update	• Falkirk Council engagement re. change in the school hours - 2,105 replies on Participate+ so a big plea to get more people to do this. - HS to attend HT’s meeting this week and will hear how feedback is going. - LM suggested that the Scottish Government saying that they will intervene has put people off participating in the survey. A reminder		All to spread the word encouraging people to log a response with Participate+

	that there is no legislation for this. Spread the word to people to complete. • DC reminded people of the PC/PTA amalgamation from 2017. • Change of name – Family Forum to include all people interested from home/include wellbeing group etc • Feedback from parental survey - 2 meetings per term – one primarily for parental discussion and one with input from SLT. - Dress down will now be available on Ipay. - PC looking to use cashless system for Christmas Fayre/events. - DC took through budget of the PC and individual earners/spending. - This year we have paid for Librasoft and football strips. - Upcoming - P7 yearbook, x2 SMART TVs and gym mats. • Fundraising summary for 23/24 was given by DC. • Spending summary for 23/24 spending so far and proposed - Dress down days to work towards a common goal. AJ to take to Pupil Parliament and would keep the pupils informed of progress during assemblies. - X2 parents per year group moving forwards. - LR suggested a summer fayre – DC said potentially yes but need more help. GO'B suggested a football tournament to run alongside. - GO'B priced up planners as a potential fundraiser. - Mr Woods is going to find out if a let would be needed for a car boot sale - Suggestion to move to a Friday night or alternate evenings for discos.		All to encourage x2 parental reps per year group. Spread the word on year group Facebook pages.
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	• Plea for help - DC took people through which events are currently run/need help.		
4. Treasurer's Report	See above.		
5. AOB	KRAV MAGA – spread the word about sessions. AT - Suggestion to have a meeting without school staff as well. Suggestion to have a noticeboard (SD) informing parents of what is happening with fundraisers.		
10. Date of next meeting	TBC in new session.		