



St John's Primary Parent Council Meeting
7pm Tuesday 2nd November 2021
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Minutes

Attendance - Jaqueline Kelly, Mark Burgess, Janet Morrison, Jo Sharp, Rosie O'Halloran (Chair) Kate Orton-Johnson, (Secretary) Claire Barrett (Events), 2 parents

1. Minutes of last meeting

Action points from previous minutes:

- Jackie has been in touch with Bob from keep Porty Tidy and is following up with him to co-ordinate activities.
- Lego Club – Jackie has talked with Marie about Lego club and she is keen to get the club up and running.
- Active schools – Active schools manager will be joining us at a later meeting
- Gardening club – Rosie will advise breakdown of costs. Dealt with on agenda.
- Uniform – no update. Rosie will contact Emily about possible sale dates.
- Outdoor coats and wellies – possibility to develop a store of donated outdoor clothing.
- Floodlights – Alan sent through some prices and PC agreed that the price for portable lights was prohibitive and the PC needs to prioritise funding for the year.
- AGM – This will be held in January.

2. Update from Head

Update from Mark Burgess – St Johns is one of 2 school in Scotland selected to take part Childrens parliament . Childrens parliament has been filming in school with P5s for BBC bitesize. Workshops will be taking place in school. Steering group has met and has made good progress on moving things forward with Childrens Parliament in the school.

RCTT timetable – feedback from teachers that the half day sessions were popular but teachers would like more blocks of time to give more continuity of lessons. P3-7 can communicate via homework diaries with RCTT timetables.

3. Halloween event rundown

115 tickets sold for the event. Despite the weather the event went well. Thanks to Susan and Claire for all of their hard work. Raised around £360.

4. Christmas planning and fundraising ideas

No-one contacted Claire about volunteering to help with Christmas fund raising planning. Anyone who wishes to be involved can contact Claire via classlist.

Raffle tickets – strips of tickets to be sent home for optional purchase. Message to be posted on classlist to try and encourage people to offer donations for raffle prizes.

a. Jolly jam jars

Possibility to run a class competition to see which class can bring in the most jam jars – clean jars with contents and decorations. In previous years these have been run as a tombola with raffle tickets.

ACTIONS – messages on classlist etc for raffle prizes and volunteers for Christmas activities.

5. Gardening club updates

Rosie will order the soil to pass onto Tana. Tana has also passed on projected costs for the school year. Total cost till end of year £1409. Requirements – polytunnel. Possible positioning of the polytunnel is still an issue. **ACTION** – Rosie to chase up polytunnel installation company.

6. Treasurer update (CF)

St John's RC Parent Council
Treasurer's Report for 2nd November 2021

Items for Expenditure

- £103.44 for Claire Barrett – P7 Leavers decorations reimbursement
- £400 for Gardening Club Fees for October – December

Items of Income

- £360 for Halloween Treasure Hunt

Provision for Expenditure

- £40 for Halloween treasure hunt items

Reconciled bank account balance = £8156.09 (not including cash taken on stall for Halloween as not yet banked.)

(£1,136 restricted, £1,000 for bike shed)

Spent since last PC meeting = £503.44

Earned since last PC meeting = £360

Committed to an additional £99 for gardening club replacement soil.

7. AOB

Cycle shed progress – Jackie advised that she is following up on this but has yet to hear back. Nursery railings still not in place – Rosie has brought this up at a locality meeting but will follow up. There is a new planning process which is meant to be more open to school collaboration and input. **ACTION** – Claire to follow up with Mary Campbell to see what has happened to these plans.

There was a question about why P5s are only playing on the atrso and are not allowed in the main playground. Mr Burgess advised that the school can look at a weekly rotation rather than the schedule that is currently in place.

Mrs Kelly wants to ask any parents who work or are engaged in sustainability and recycling may be interested in coming into the class to talk about sustainability.

Rosie reported that the active schools program has been under discussion across the city and parent councils have struggled with organising active schools. Thanks to Lauren as our coordinator who has worked hard with us. The school and PC will need to think about fundraising options going forward to sustain the program.