



SIMPSON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS

Name of	f Meeting:	Simpson Primary Parent Council – September meeting	Date of Meeting:	11-09-2018			
Present:		Lynne Buckner (Chair), Marion Pirrie (Vice Chair), Arlene Black (Head Teacher), Patsy Thomas (Treasurer), Robyn McCarrol (Events), Donna Leslie (Newlands), Viviene Bell, Craig Jones, Nicola Ferris, Lianne Docherty, Alison McDermott, Councillor Harry Cartmill, Heather Kalis, Jools Robertson, Donna Leslie, Carolanne Cicero, Veronica Darling, Sam Allen, Julie Wallace, Isla Bowden, Helen Gallacher, Bryony Dandie, Silvia Small, Mr Weir, Cheryl Bambourgh, Laura Boyd					
Apologies:		Debbie McComb, Louise Leslie, Kevin Bell, Fiona Byron, Mandy Woods, Catherine McCarthy, John McGinty					
Agenda:		 Welcome, Introduction & Apologies Previous AGM Minutes Headteacher Report Chair Report Finance Report Events Update Newlands Update AOB Close of Business 					
Agend a No	Agenda It	em		Actions Required	By Whom & Target Date		
1		oduced the new parent council to everyone. The parent all for their contributions.	council thanked Valerie Silver and				
2	Facebook to protect Financial i	of the previous Annual General Meeting had changes to hasn't always been only office bearers but going forwar the parent council from any GDPR issues and to managreport there was a mistake and money in the bank accordely	d this is how the page will be managed ge the site more effectively. unt is sitting at £4,257.94. Patsy and	Independent reviewer.	Debbie/Patsy		





3	Head teacher report		
	Mrs Black didn't have a huge amount to update the parent council as it has only been two weeks since previous meeting. School are working on the timeline for national assessments for P1, P4 and P7. This is to give a indication of a child's strengths and needs for learning and also helps identify any common gaps across the year. Timeframe is: P7 – 24 th Sept to 9 th Nov P4 – 25 th Feb to 5 th April P1 – 23 rd April to 30 th May		
4.	Chair report		
	Lynne thanked Mrs Black for all her support and shared the parent council's sadness in her retiring. P7 Yearbook – Lynne confirmed four volunteers have come forward: Samantha Jo Webb, Agapi Stylianidou, Karen Tracey and Barbara. Lynne asked if previous year book organised Louise Leslie and Jools Robertson could support the new volunteers. Tea Towels – Helen Gallagher has volunteered to do his and already has forms out to the P1's. Lynne thanked Helen for her ongoing support. Xmas cards – Debbie McComb had a group of friends have volunteered to do this and will liaise with Donna Leslie who has previously covered the role. P7 Prom which is now idependently run by P7 parents and is being organised by Samantha Jo Webb. Discussion was had about the small lottery license for the raffles as due for renewal. Parent Council asked voting members to vote if they would like to renew and passed with no objections. Marion would renew license.	Update license	Marion
	Lynne discussed the role of voting members. We need to have a third present at a meeting for the parent council to go forward with a vote. Position can be fortified if no show for two meetings and no apologies. It was agreed that although some years have more than two represented to go forward with all names. Still to confirm P7 voters. Names confirmed are:		





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	Nursery: Lianne Docherty, Fiona Byron P1: Heather Kalis, Julie Wallis, Craig Jones, Catherine McCarthy P2: Louise Leslie, Carolanne Cicero P3: Sam Allen, Isla Bowden P4: Veronica Darling, Helen Gallacher, Allan Pitrie P5: David Rarity, Neil Hargreaves P6: Alison McDermott, Jools Robertson, Silvia Small P7: to be filled (add to next Parent Council meeting) Lynne confirmed dates for the years meetings which are:		
	All Tuesday nights, Nov 6 th , 22 nd Jan, 30 th April and 27 th Aug (TBC nearer the time)		
	Disclosure – The parent council are tightening safety procedures and going forward at all events at the school with parent volunteers they will need to be PVG checked. So for example Halloween discos every volunteers needs to have a PVG in place and if not enough parents with PVG then parents will need to attend.	Look at cost for PVG	Lynne and Mrs Black
	For those who already have one they can add the school to it. Cost is believed to be £65 for a full one and Mrs Black will look into this with Lynne on how the cost is covered. Further update will come at the next meeting.		
	Printing – Lynne asked Mrs Black if the parent council could get a card to be able to print. Mrs Ferris will look into further and come back with an answer before the next meeting.	Printing permission	Mrs Ferris
5	Events update		
	Robyn followed on from Lynne's discussion around problems with PVG checked parents and covering the Halloween disco. Robyn came up with a suggestion around a family day instead. The family day would include traditional Halloween games and would be over two days on either side of Halloween on 30 th Oct and 1 st Nov. Discussions on how this would work with numbers and how children would feel not getting a disco. Second option discussed was the school discos. Parent Council voted but was agreed this would be open to a poll on facebook to get a wider opinion on the two options. Marion to put poll on FB	Poll on FB	Marion
	If the vote goes for school discos then either we need enough PVG checked parents helping or parents	Share past	Donna to share.





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	need to stay with their child. Donna Leslie indicated she had a list from last year of PVG checked parents who helped and would share with Vivienne and Robyn. Vivienne has volunteered to organise the school discos.	PVG volunteers. To confirm happy to volunteer again.	Vivienne
	Christmas Fayre and Robyn is looking for volunteers to help pull the event together and for on the day. At the moment Robyn is securing stall holders for on the day and looking at the parent councils own stalls to maximise the income generated. Robyn asked if the school could share total made for their stalls on the day so can be included in total raised.	Volunteers to help organise or	ALL
	Raffle on the day will be separate to the Christmas raffle that will run across November. Donna indicated that Mrs Campbell may be able to do the tombola stall and for Robyn to ask if she can volunteer to help. Robyn asked for thoughts on having reindeer and Santa but it was felt the cost of £900 was too high and would take too much of the profit away from the day.	on the day. Contact Mrs Campbell Contact	Robyn
	Robyn to ask Valerie Silver how many selection boxes was used last year to give an indication of how many saw Santa. Robyn is planning a Christmas fayre meeting and will confirm date and venue on Facebook shortly.	Valerie Silver Arrange meeting	Robyn Robyn
	Other events which are being planned later in the year. At present Robyn is looking applying for an occasional license which would mean the parent council could have events at the school such as a cinema night or a race night with BYOB. Councillor Harry Cartmill is looking into this for Robyn.	Look at license before next meeting	Robyn and Harry Cartmill.
6.	Newlands Day update		
	Donna and Kevin held a meeting at the Fairway hotel and got a great response for volunteers.		
	There was 15 ideas shared which they went through and discussed pros and cons for each. Final three going to the children to vote is Madagascar, Harry Potter and Coco. Kids voting this week on theme and will be counted by Donna, Patsy and Debbie so there is no cheating by Donna!	Counting of votes	Donna, Debbie and Patsy
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	FB post to go up announcing three themes and have a poll from parents but for fun as children will make final choice. Marion to add on.	FB post	Marion
	Meeting to be confirmed but will be week after the Oct holidays.	Meeting TBC	Donna and Kevin
	Next meeting will confirm fundraising plans and Donna and Kevin will coordinate dates with events planned.	Events confirmed	As above
	School asked if letters could go out to parents with winning choice and an explanation of Newlands Day.	Letters out to pupils	As above
	Donna asked what their budget would be this year and asked for £1,000. Parent Council voted this through.	p a pc	
7.	AOB		
	Wish list The school has provided Lynne with a wish list for both nursery and primary for the parent council to buy items. The nursey confirmed they would like to add waterproofs and would confirm which ones shortly. Discussion around if the parent council could set up an amazon account in case parents would like to purchase directly for the school. School happy for this to happen and will look through page before it's shared to the general public. Marion and Lynne to take this forward. Easy Fundraising	Wish list purchased Amazon account	Lynne Marion and Lynne
	The school parent council can raise money through parents shopping on Easy Fundraising and it was felt we should be highlighting more. Posts to go up on FB over time as a reminder to all parents.	Promote Easy Fundraising	Marion and Lynne
	STV and Luca Cicero Luca a pupil in P2 has taken part in auditions for Strictly come dance for children and out of 300 has got to the final 46. The show is for STV children's appeal and Carolanne suggested the school could support Luca and his fundraising by holding a danceathon. The production team would provide two PVG checked teachers and would organise the event and materials needed and would film the children taking part. Carolanne wanted to ask if it would be something that was organised by the parent council or the school	Date and permissions req	Carolanne, Mrs Ferris and Mrs Black





	and Mrs Black confirmed it would be the school and it would be during school time. School will look into permissions required and a date. Carolanne confirmed this needed to be held before the 25 th November.	
13.	The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6 th November at 18.30	
14.	Meeting closes	

For any questions on the Simpson Primary School Parent Council or any of the items discussed at the meeting please email: simpson.parentcouncil@gmail.com
Next meeting: Tuesday 6th November at 6.30pm