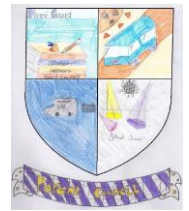
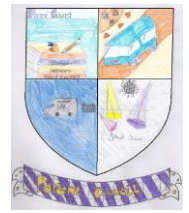




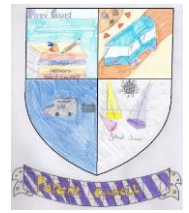
SIMPSON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS



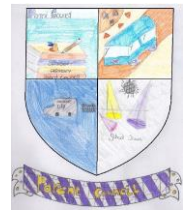
Name of Meeting:	Simpson Primary Parent Council – September meeting	Date of Meeting:	06-11-2018	
Present:	Lynne Buckner (Chair), Arlene Black (Head Teacher), Debbie King, Valerie Silver, Natasha Farquhar, Robyn mcCarrol (Events). Carolanne Cicero, Alison McDermott, Lianne Docherty, Christine Downie, Vivienne Bell, Gill Thomson, Louse Leslie, Heather Kalis, Harry Cartmill, Debbie McComb, Patsy Thomas (treasury)			
Apologies:	Marion Pirrie (Vice Chair), Kevin Bell, Donna Leslie			
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome, Introduction & Apologies 2. Previous AGM Minutes 3. Headteacher Report 4. Chair Report 5. Finance Report 6. Events Update 7. Newlands Update 8. AOB 9. Close of Business 			
Agenda No	Agenda Item	Actions Required	By Whom & Target Date	
1	Lynne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and went through the apologies received for the meeting.			
2	Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved.			
3	<p>Head teacher report</p> <p>Newsletter with updates will be sent out to all parents/carers in November. The school has been working around WWI and remembrance day. All children have been involved in a poppy display that will be the main art work in the school. There will be a remembrance service led by P7.</p>			



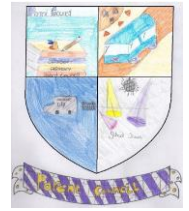
	<p>The school has been nominated for the First Minister reading challenge celebrating success, with an event on 21/11.</p> <p>The school has been invited to a sports awards ceremony to celebrate the gold school award in sport.</p> <p>Playground markings are being reviewed, trying to get a number of various designs and markings suitable for all children.</p> <p>The school has also been working on a lost words calendar, based on the lost words book. The calendar will feature pictures made by children and will be sold by the school.</p> <p>Mrs Black also thanked the parent council and all parents for their continued support and fundraising as it makes a big difference to the school.</p>		
4.	<p>Chair report</p> <p>Lynne thanked – in turn -Mrs Black for all her support to the Parent Council, and wished her well in her retirement.</p> <p>An update was provided on PVG requirements for parent volunteers. PVG is not required. Although if we organise events, it is best if we select PVG + first aiders first. If parents are in regular attendance at school (i.e. helping once a week), PVG is required.</p> <p>Lynne also reminded parents to register for easy fundraising. By using easy fundraising, money for the school will be raised by just shopping online. Registration is easy. Facebook posts will also be scheduled to inform other parents of this facility.</p> <p>Lynne is working with the school to organise an ACE awareness to provide parents/carers with a better understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences. This will be organised in January/February.</p> <p>The school is working their way to create a wishlist for playground markings, and parents might be</p>		



	<p>involved in setting up an electronic voting system. The nursery is also working on a wishlist. The school and nursery are also reviewing larger items, such as a shed or tools for a vegetable patch, and will work with the parent council to inform them what they would like to buy with money raised through events.</p> <p>Another first aid training might be organised, with special focus on epi-pen training. This would help parent council in organising more events, and havng additional first aiders who have a special epi-pen training.</p> <p>Lynne also provided an update on recruitment. The job application closed on 08/11/2018, after which a long leet and short leet interview will take place. *update after PC: it has been agreed that Miss Ferris will step up to be acting head teacher until year end, after which recruitment for the head teacher will resume. The deputy head teacher post will need to be filled.</p> <p>.</p>		
5	<p>Events update Viv provided an update on Halloween activities</p> <p>Halloween activities raised in total £684.93 Of which discos £477.71 Pumpkin £187.55 Nursery £94.60</p> <p>It was agreed that the pumpkin competition will not take place next year.</p> <p>Robyn provided an update on Christmas Fayre: 15 stalls have been booked, and a push is required for on the day support. There will be 2 raffles and a tombola. Entry will be £1 per adult.</p>		
6.	<p>Newlands Day update</p>		



	In Kevin and Donna's absence, Lynne/Viv provided an update on Newlands Day. The theme is Harry Potter, designs are made for the float, and the team is in full activity to create accessories for the float.		
7.	<p>Finance report</p> <p>On 06/11/2018: £534.27 in the account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insurance £37.20 - T-towels made £290.40 profit - Danceathon raised £747.66 - Book sale raised £481 - Profit from Christmas cards still to be confirmed 		
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Dance-a-Thon. The STV dance-a-thon takes place week commencing 05/11. Suggested donation will be £2, and children are allowed to wear sportswear to take part.</p> <p>Booksale Feedback was requested on book sale during parents evening. There was misunderstanding that school had to spend the money raised before all the books were ordered and dispatched to the parents. It was agreed that a facebook post would inform parents on the reason for the delay. One comment was that some parents would have preferred to be able to take the books home with them on the night rather than needing to wait.</p> <p>Communication Communication remains a big issue. Although it was agreed at parent council that facebook remains a great way to inform parents about the activities organised by the school and parent council. If required an update will be provided using school email.</p>		
13.	The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 nd January at 18.30		



14.	Meeting closes		
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For any questions on the Simpson Primary School Parent Council or any of the items discussed at the meeting please email:

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Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30pm