



SIMPSON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY PARENT COUNCIL

Name of Meeting	Simpson Primary Parent Council EGM	Date of Meeting:	4th Nov 2021
Present:	<p>Sam Skinner (Chair), Jo Alexander (Vice Chair), Jordana MacDonald (Events Co-ordinator), Lisa Black (Secretary), Iram Asim (Treasurer), Nicola Ferris (Head Teacher), Ms. Plenderleith (Principal Teacher), Mrs. Fawkes (Depute Head Teacher), Mrs. Dandie (Depute Head Teacher), Alison Mc Dermott, Jude MacKay, Lynne Buckner, Patsy Thomas, Debbie McComb, Fiona Byron, Monica Ugalde, Silvia Small, Fiona Duncan, Marion Pirrie, Liane Docherty, Colin Napier.</p>		
Apologies:	<p>Kirsteen Steven, Nicola Gillan, Victoria Nairn, Ruth Harley, Harry Cartmill (Councillor), Emma Scott.</p>		
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Apologies 2. Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Bearer Changes 3. Revised Constitution 4. Fundraising & Social Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Purpose/Aim of Fundraising 5. AOB 		
Agenda No	Agenda Item	Actions Required	By Whom & Target Date
1	Sam Skinner welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.		
2	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Office Bearer Changes – Sam welcomed Lisa Black as the new Secretary for the Parent Council.</p> <p>Head Teacher Update – Miss Ferris acknowledged that as it had not been long since the last meeting that her update would be limited.</p> <p>Miss Ferris noted that there will shortly be a survey issued from the school regarding the recent parent consultations however noted the feedback already provided by the Parent Council. Miss Ferris will also discuss with the teaching staff to gain their feedback. Miss Ferris acknowledged that the current system may suit some families and not others.</p>	Discussion with teaching staff regarding	Miss Ferris

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Fundraising & Social Committee

Sam informed the group that there had been lots of exciting ideas and work going on in terms of fundraising:

- Halloween Hunt and Dress Down Day
- School Calendar for 2022
- Virtual Christmas Fair/Magazine

Sam thanked Jordana, Jude and Marion of the Fundraising Team who were present at the meeting and those absent for their time and efforts thus far. It was noted that the Christmas and Newlands post were still vacant however these roles will now be picked up through the Fundraising and Social Committee.

Sam also noted thanks to Lorna Brown for organising the Wester Inch Treasure Hunt and that the total raised for the Parent Council from that and the Dress Down Day had increased to £394.12. Sam added that it was lovely to see all the children out participating and it created the feeling of the community coming together after a tough few years.

Terms of Reference

Sam noted that the Fundraising and Social Committee Terms of Reference had now been distributed. Sam asked for any final objections to the Terms of Reference – none declared.

Sam advised that it was hoped that having the Terms of Reference in place that would encourage and provide the freedom for parents to get involved with fundraising in any way that they can.

Purpose/Aim of Fundraising

Sam noted that the Parent Council fundraising goal was to raise £3000 for the year. Sam noted that the total would be reviewed and discussed at the April to decide how best to distribute the funds. Sam advised that the new Parent Council Newsletter would show regular updates of Fundraising Activities and include a Fundraising Thermometer showing regular totals.

Sam advised that on discussion with Miss Ferris the money would be used to contribute towards the outdoor areas and restoring the library. Miss Ferris noted that the library was used as extra space during covid restrictions, and it would be good to return it to use adding in some comfortable seating or soft furnishings for the children.

Monica asked Miss Ferris if there was a plan to build a new library however Miss Ferris explained to the group that the room was there, just that it was used as a classroom during the covid restrictions.

Sam concluded this discussion by adding that it is good to have a goal to work towards and a purpose for fundraising.

5.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Sam relayed a question sent in by a parent not present at the meeting for Miss Ferris. Sam asked Miss Ferris about equipment available to children who are left-handed, such as scissors. Miss Ferris advised the group that there are resources and equipment for left-handed pupils in the school however Miss Ferris will take this back to the teaching staff and order if required. It was noted if parents are aware of specific classes experience a shortage to bring this to the schools' attention and resources will be ordered.</p> <p>A question was asked about the arrival of the P1 Tea Towels and if this would happen before Christmas – Sam advised that it would be looked into but that they should be available before then.</p> <p>Miss Fawkes updated the group on the nursery activity – covid bubbles are no longer required and the children are enjoying mixing with each other. Miss Fawkes also informed the group that the children were enjoying having lunch at nursery and they have proper tables set up with covers and chairs – this activity was helping develop social skills. Sam thanked Miss Fawkes for this update and stated that it was good to find out new developments in the nursery.</p> <p>Sam informed the group that due to circumstances out with anyone's control the current committee is yet to be granted access to the Parent Council bank account and PayPal. However, it was noted that this was in progress.</p> <p>Sam Skinner thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>		
Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting set for 20 th January 2022, this will be at 18:30 if in person or 20:00 virtually. Location and time to be confirmed.		