

Blackhall Primary PSA - Minutes

Date of Meeting: 23rd March 2022
Chair: Jill McIntyre
Venue: MS Teams
Circulation: PSA Reps & School
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	Action With
1. Apologies: Julia Young, Louise McFadyen, Claire Yates, Stef Robertson, Nuala Roger, Kirsty Miller, Kay Carr, Ann Crawford, Jane Horan, Fiona Dill	
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (26th January 2022): Minutes were approved. Proposed by Frances Ross (FR) seconded by Carol Walker-Lyon (CWL).	
3. Matters Arising: All relevant matters from previous meeting have been completed. Details outlined in agenda items below.	
4. Welcome & Introductions Jill McIntyre (JM) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The actions from the last group have all been taken forward. JM reminded the Committee that we have agreed to have a joint AGM on the 15 th June with the Parent Council which is a good opportunity to signal the great work that's carried out by both groups and encourage new volunteers. CM confirmed that Michael Cockburn is available to attend.	
5. School Update Kirsty Martin (KM) provided an update on the current restrictions within the school. A whole school letter will be issued on 24 th March and the headlines of that would be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Photographer has been booked for school photographs. Due to the limited availability/choices of school approved photographers its likely that individual photos and family photos will be able to be completed but not class photos. A P7 all class photograph would be prioritised if possible. There was discussion about the quality of the photographs in 2021 and exploring other more creative options. KM noted the feedback.- Preparations for the P7 show continue. Venue likely to be Blackhall Church hall and likely to be a matinee and an evening performance.- KM and the school are progressing quotes for the Astroturf project. The Quarry behind the school is owned by two separate parties. There are some trees that are causing concern over the school grounds and whilst discussing this with the owners one offered to sponsor some of the activity. The owner also agreed to create some timelapse footage of the trees coming down which would be appreciated by the children.- Parent Consultations were in progress and KM was hopeful of a return to face to face meetings in the future although some parents have expressed a preference for virtual meetings to continue.	Carol

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school have been discussing what additional charitable things could be done to support Ukraine and recognise the challenges. The sunflower is a symbol of peace and it's been agreed to host a whole school art afternoon to portray sunflowers in a variety of ways. Children will be invited to come to school on the 8th April dressed in blue or yellow if they are able. The council and schools are preparing lists of any current pupil vacancies. - Easter Assembly logistics continue to be worked through due to the ongoing requirement for adults to socially distance in a hall environment. - The new website is now live and there is a redirect in place from the old website currently. There is a section for the PSA and Parent Council to add information and Mr Taylor will be coordinating content. 	
<p>6. Financial Position</p> <p>NR confirmed that the balance @ 16/3/22 was £10,692.80. (Including Football subs of £2963 and £3000 minimum balance required)</p> <p><u>Spend since 23rd January (prior meeting) totals £1507:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football - £1444 • Bowling Club - £30 • National Geographic- £33 <p>Income since 23 January (prior meeting) totals £436.69 of which £75 is for Football, £200 matched funding from Abrdn, £161.69 fundraising.</p> <p>Expenditure expected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Calling £1,000 • Bark £1,000 • Wonderwoods tidy up £800 • Loose parts TBC • P7 gifts £400 <p>Since the last meeting class reps have confirmed the donations for teacher's gifts and these have now been matched to the bank account with amounts still held by reps for end of year gifts.</p> <p>General donations page set up on just giving (£90 contribution already): <u>General Donations</u></p> <p>Page also set up for the easter raffle: <u>Easter Raffle</u></p> <p>JustGiving were giving us 3 months free after changing from Virgin Money Giving, however had been charging us, they have now stopped charging for 3 months to give us the offer.</p>	
<p>7. PSA Update</p> <p>JM discussed the upcoming events and asked that all reps promote the Easter Raffle within their year groups. It's a child friendly hamper this time.</p> <p>The recent coffee morning raised £187 in donations with a few donations made to the fundraising link. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from</p>	<p>All PSA reps</p>

<p>both parents and the children who attended to support. The drop in format seems to work well and the uniform swap option also worked. We discussed the option of using the school but it was felt that a local venue offered a different aspect to the event. The ASN reps have been asked to suggest any additional items that the PSA need to consider for future events. JM will confirm the final date of the school year and any logistical support needed.</p> <p>Post the meeting NR updated on the progress of the uniform bank and there is a suitable number of items which she would sort through and re-categorise. For now, no more uniform donations should be accepted and either put onto the local Facebook groups of Kids 4 Clothes groups who are still looking for donations.</p> <p>We agreed to hold another Summer Sports Challenge and some reps are asked to form a sub group post Easter holiday. Please let Clare have the names by 8th April. The format will continue to have the competitive aspect of year groups and where possible separate links will be set up. It is also in the lead up to Blackhall Sports day on the 11th June 2022.</p> <p>The PSA will support the Sports Day and will be manning the strawberries and sweetie tent. More details to follow.</p> <p>NR agreed to check the individual links.</p> <p>JM is open to arranging events to welcome new parents/carers/families to school in either a formal or informal way.</p>	<p>Jill</p> <p>All PSA reps – each year to nominate 1 person.</p> <p>Nick</p>
<p>8. Football & Library Updates</p> <p>CWL updated the Committee on the Football season. There is c£1000 left post fees. ESMS have been in touch to cancel the booking for the indoor hall. CWL is exploring other options with Mattie from Active Schools about improving facility access. It's a challenging issue to resolve due to the large number of kids, parent supervision and space availability. There was a lower uptake on P1 attendance this year, perhaps due to COVID overhang, and JY asked that we continue to promote and see if extra attendance can be generated.</p> <p>KM confirmed that school lets can now be applied for so that might be an option for the earlier time slots.</p> <p>There was also some feedback about the quality of the Astro pitches at Mary Erskine and the need for some upgrading and goals not being allowed to be used.</p> <p>CWL confirmed that as yet no one had taken up the opportunity for subsidised coaching.</p> <p>CWL confirmed that herself and Susan had been able to visit the school and start to tidy up the library. There are a number of old books needing to be removed and a book give away will be held outside the school. CWL thinks it will sort itself out once classes get into the rhythm of a rota with checking books in and out but until then quite a significant amount of time is needed to</p>	

<p>catalogue new books and organise to make the best use of the space available. The PSA agreed to purchase the labels CWL needed.</p> <p>KM & GM thanked CWL for her patience and perseverance whilst the library was out of commission due to restrictions.</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>We discussed that a P1 induction pack would be pulled together in the final term and new reps sought for 2022.</p> <p>CM asked for approval to purchase the final term gifts for incoming P3 teachers from PSA pot which was agreed.</p> <p>CM agreed to look into possibility of next meeting being in the school.</p>	<p>Clare</p>
<p>10. Next meeting: 11th May 2022</p>	<p>All PSA reps</p>