



## St. Hilary's Parent Council

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Present: Mrs Bradley (HT), Nicola Graham (NG), Orlaith Payne (Chair OP), Stacey Shearer, Colette Seenan, Jaimie Cunningham, Laura Jaconelli

Apologies: Michelle Nicoll, Kelly-Ann Reid, Laura Gillies, Ailieen Canavan, Julie Glavin

### 1. Chairperson Welcome and Previous Actions

Chair welcomed and thanked all attendees, absences noted.

OP confirmed fundraising events (Halloween disco, Welcome back party and Christmas fair) will be held annually. Approved by HT. Ideas from OP about fundraising ideas for World Book Day (Wonka bars) and other ideas put across however the school itself is doing 4 weeks of fundraising for lent. All agreed that one fundraising event from the PC would be suitable until Lenten fundraising was over.

Eco shop preloved uniforms need to be organised. Discussions about how families could access these more easily.

OP stated Christmas fair was a success but did not raise as much money as previous year.

Discussions were held regarding a plan for consistent PC money to be used on. Money still to be paid for panto snack and playground equipment and benches.

**ACTION: PC to pay £1000 for playground equipment and panto snack money to be confirmed.**

**ACTION: PC to sort out ecoshop.**

**ACTION: Wonka bars sorted for World book day (7<sup>th</sup> March)**

### 2. Treasury Report

Balance: £4,827.33

200 club January winner still to be picked.

HT and NG drew winners.

**£1000 Still to be paid to the school for outdoor benches etc**

**Panto snack money still to be paid (amount to be confirmed by HT)**

### 3. Headteacher Update

School role - 180. (Increase from last session)

13 children sitting for enrolment of primary 1 but more expected from placement requests.

35 Primary 7 pupils due to leave for High school.

Two staff members on long term sick leave.

Absence cover is difficult throughout South Lanarkshire council as there is very limited supply teachers being provided. Normally the school would be able to request supply teachers that are familiar with the students however these requests are not being met. The school has no control over the staff situation and is managing with the help of two new temporary staff members and Mrs Graham and Miss Dolan stepping in to teach classes.

Last session good parent contribution with the money raised used for the children to supplement things like swimming.

Newsletter is due to be published with parent contribution also mentioned in, 'you said we did' section.

Continuing to drive the school with new books for primary 1 to 3. The cost of the books was £6000 with PEF money supporting that. Children were very excited about these books and have a sense of pride in looking after them.

There was a pupil council meeting to discuss Lenten fundraising. There will be fundraising events every Friday for 4 weeks on the lead up. Money raised will also be donated to Macmillan Nurses and HCPT (chosen in support for Mrs Magee). All children will be included in activities regardless of if they are able to donate or not.

#### 4. Grants and Fundraising update

There is still £500 grant sitting which could be used for new garden shed which is desperately needed.

Op suggested a fundraising event for World Book Day and all other fundraising be left to the school for lent.

PC will provide money for

- reconciliation, first holy communion and confirmation cakes.
- First holy communion teas/coffees/snacks after mass
- Subsidising school trips in June
- Ice creams for sports day
- P7 leavers meal.
- S1 ties for new school
- P1 book bags

Upcoming events:

- Wonka Bars for world book day
- May family race night
- P4 art exhibition

#### 4. AOB

Royal bank of Scotland has a change machine which could be used instead of paying a percentage to the other penny machines.