

PPG MEETING MINUTE

Rothienorman Primary School

Thursday 18th January 2024

In attendance

Cheryl Henderson
Wendy Harris
Joanne Kinghorn
Cllr Anne Stirling

Leanne Strachan
Cllr Alastair Forsyth
Faye Morren
Michelle Strachan

Leanne Masson
Lyndsey-Anne Prue
Arlene Cheyne

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| 1 | <p>Welcome</p> <p>Cheryl welcomed those attending and thanked everyone for their support towards PPG in December which was a very busy month for all.</p> <p>Cheryl shared thanks to school for the work they put into the school show which was enjoyed by everyone.</p> <p>Cheryl asked those present for feedback on things that they thought had gone well or not so well. PPG found securing a Santa problematic for 6 sessions and would like to be more prepared with arrangements for Christmas 2024. PPG can pick this up again later in the year.</p> <p>Mrs Strachan fed back that school would like to hold a Christmas show in December 2024. Due to the work involved preparations in future will start earlier to give everyone more time for tasks such as learning scripts.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies</p> <p>Elizabeth Maclver</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Previous minutes – review and acceptance</p> <p>Agreed by Lyndsey-Anne and confirmed by Faye.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Head Teachers report</p> <p>As per attached.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Review of recent fundraising/finances</p> <p>As of September 2023 the opening bank balance was £4,683.54. Fundraising totalled £2,468.50 (excluding P7 lucky square) with outgoings of £815.58.</p> | |

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| | <p>The total raised was £1,652.92 from the Halloween disco, wreath making, Cauliflower Cards, Christmas raffle and sale of water bottles.</p> <p>PPG spent £1,445.39 on school activities, bus trip transport, pantomime, Christmas books, crackers and party supplies.</p> <p>Current bank balance is £4,854.32.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Fundraising</p> <p><u>Rothie dance</u></p> <p>Cheryl has been approached by members of the community regarding a Rothie dance. These were previously held in the community many years ago. Laraine Thomson of Rothie Inn and the football team used to organise. There are contacts in the community who PPG could reach out to for guidance if this was something they wished to pursue. A Band/bar/security would be required. This could be costly so profit margins for PPG may be variable. Fundraising could come from ticket sales/share of the bar/raffle/fundraising games.</p> | |
| | <p>Discussion focused on the feasibility and at present it was decided that day events would be easier for committee without needs for licensing and security. PPG will keep the suggestion under consideration for future.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Spring event – Rothie’s Rainbow Razzel Dazzle – 20th April 2024</u></p> <p>A BYOB coloured board afternoon event will held at Rothie village hall on 20th April 2024. Tickets to be sold per table or per seat on a table. Tables to be colour themed with attendees dressing and taking food/drinks/snacks relating to their colour.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding entertainment at the event – PPG could do a rock and roll bingo or similar, party games and a disco.</p> <p>Posters/comms and a Facebook event to be. Payments to be made directly to PPG account. 90 tickets are available at £15 per ticket. Attendees to be asked to bring a raffle prize.</p> | Arlene/Cheryl |
| | <p><u>Clairvoyant event – “An Audience with Annie Moon” – 7th June 2024</u></p> <p>Village hall is booked. £20 per ticket. 50 tickets must be sold for the event to go ahead.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding wider communications out with the local community. Information can be included in the school newsletter.</p> <p>Tickets to go on sale shortly.</p> | Office bearers |
| | <p><u>AFC Dons Day Out</u></p> <p>School had received notification of fundraising through the Dons Day Out initiative. Some parents are aware of this having attended through children’s football teams. Mrs Strachan’s previous schools used this successfully.</p> <p>Due to upcoming fundraising committee will not take this forward at this time but note it is something to think about in future.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Shorts and shades disco</u></p> <p>To take place in Term 4 – Thursday 13th June 2024.</p> <p>Discussion regarding a photo booth.</p> <p>Disco arrangements to be made nearer the time.</p> | Office bearers |

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| | <p><u>Sound equipment</u></p> <p>Discussion regarding purchasing of own sound equipment which could have many uses – school shows/discos/events.</p> <p>PPG to investigate</p> | <p>Cheryl</p> |
| 7 | <p>AOCB</p> | |
| | <p><u>PPG Christmas presents</u></p> <p>While Christmas books are well received Mrs Strachan enquired if there were alternatives that could be explored. A suggestion was that presents could be gifted to each class – board games etc rather than individual books. Around £200 was spent on books recently.</p> | |
| | <p>Committee agreed to look at options in the new academic session.</p> | <p>Committee</p> |
| | <p><u>Learning Journals</u></p> <p>A parent raised issues with Learning Journal notifications and there being no new information available despite a notification being received. There was discussion about Learning Journals working for some parents and not others.</p> <p>Some parents are accessing through the webpage and some are accessing through their available app.</p> <p>Using Learning journals can be challenging for staff and available training materials for staff and parents is limited. As we continue to use Learning Journals it is hoped that we will all become more familiar with its functionality and it will be easier for both staff and parents.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Swimming</u></p> <p>The Council have previously provided swimming lessons to P5 pupils free of charge. This is no longer the case and Inverurie charged £54.90 per lesson last year. 6 lessons are generally provided and there are transportation costs on top. Parents previously contributed towards transport costs with money also being provided by PPG. It is no longer possible for school to subsidise the cost of swimming to parents and swimming will not be offered.</p> | |
| | <p>There was discussion regarding whether this could be self-funded by parents and if so, what the cost would be per family per lesson. Mrs Strachan will collate the information she has and share.</p> | <p>Mrs Strachan</p> |
| | <p>There was discussion regarding the affordability for parents and Cllr Stirling suggested that parents may be able to apply for a grant through the Gordonstown Wind Farm Fund. Mrs Strachan has details of this and will share with Cheryl for further consideration.</p> | <p>Mrs Strachan/ Cheryl</p> |
| | <p><u>Mrs Barrow</u></p> <p>Mrs Strachan wanted to pass on that Mrs Barrow very touched by the retiral gifts she received from the school community. She will be missed by everyone.</p> | |

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| | <u>Next meeting</u> 22 nd February. | |
