

AGM

3pm Monday 9th October 2023

Libberton Primary School

Present – Mrs McGregor, Tom Parker, Sarah Alcock, Wendy Jack, Kelly Barron, Gem Braithwaite, Karen Cook.

Apologies- Laura Forde

All office bearers resigned and were voted back in.

Chairperson – Tom Parker - 1st - Sarah Alcock 2nd - Wendy Jack

Secretary – Sarah Alcock - 1st - Wendy Jack 2nd - Karen Cook

Treasurer- Wendy Jack - 1st-Sarah Alcock 2nd - Gem Braithwaite

General Meeting

Welcome- Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Previous minutes approved - 1st – Gem Braithwaite 2nd – Karen Cook

Treasures report- £2073.44 in bank. Playground has been paid for and the extra £47 was paid for turf and matting. The interest we made from the £52,000 being in the bank cover most of the extra costing. If anyone would like a breakdown of the costs please contact the PC or school.

Correspondence- Tom has been sent an email from a parent at Blackmount PC asking if Libberton PC can join them for a meeting to take forward any funding ideas. They also have concerns regarding transport cost. Sarah brought up that Blackmount are not within our funding area and even though Libberton village is in the Blackmount CC area the school is not. We are not sure anything can be done funding wise for transport, it was agreed that Tom will email back saying yes, to having a meeting to discuss any options.

Head Report -

It has been a good start to the year. The school role is 36. 14 in the small class and 22 in the big class. Staffing is better than we thought it would be – Mrs Boyd is in the older class and the Mrs Sheridan is in the younger class. Miss Logan who is a brilliant asset to the school is in the big class a Thursday and a Friday. Mrs Forde is still working on her university course and is taking the P6-7 class into the class set up in the lunch hall. The PEF fund is helping support the staffing we have this year.

The left-over money for PEF is being used on transport, which is a big hit to the budget this year.

The New Lanark trip was cancelled due to strike action. This has been rearranged for later this month. The older class will be visiting the Scottish Parliament building. With the cost of the transport being so high the school might have to ask parents for a small contribution.

School photos have not been arranged yet; a new photographer needs to be found as last years one is unable to visit again. The parents at the meeting agreed photos would be good before Christmas as some use them as presents. Karen was going to contact Carstairs Junction to ask who they use, as

she has heard good things and Tom is going to contact Graham Houston who has just set up his own photography studio and is local to the school.

After school clubs – The gardening club was a great success and the veg was taken to Abington Church for the Harvest Festival (The Libberton Church date was missed).

In the new year there will be Dance and Cross-Country after school clubs. Wendy has offered to do a sewing club and Karen suggested a cooking club. Karen is going to contact Healthy valleys and see if they can do a cooking club relating to budget cooking.

Fundraising-

The Halloween party has been postponed until next year. The P7 class are keen to organise one in school time and some would be unable to come to the Friday evening. Next year the PC along with the P7 class will arrange a Halloween disco out with school time. This will mean there will be no Halloween party in the schooltime. A date will be given out to parents as soon as possibly to ensure as many children from the school and siblings can make the arranged date.

A movie night was suggested at Bowmuir farm. This will be looked into later in the year as possibly a summer (or warmer weather) event.

Christmas raffle is going ahead this year. Tom and Sarah Parker have donated a stay in the log cabins and Kelly Barron has donated a voucher for the opticians in Biggar. These donations are amazing! Thank you! Parents at the meeting agreed to contact some local companies of their choice to try and get donations of items. Sarah will contact the Corn Exchange in Biggar as they are having craft stalls at the late-night opening. Mrs McGregor mentioned we need a gaming licence to hold raffles and prize nights. They have said can have a table which will be £15. Aroma café, who we used to have a stall in are no longer doing a craft sale on the evening. They are more than welcome to have the school do some carol singing outside the café on the evening. We can have donation buckets and Mrs Barron had said she could bring her electric keyboard. The gaming licence will cost £40 a year but we need this to hold any raffle or game night. We are also going to purchase printed raffle tickets (£22 for 1000) as this will make it easier to organise and write names/numbers and for children to take home and return.

At the next meeting we will plan an event Jan/Feb time either a race night, beetle drive or bingo.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY FUNDRAISING IDEAS THAT THE PARENT COUNCIL OR SCHOOL CAN HELP TAKE FORWARD AND RAISE MONEY, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE PARENT COUNCIL OR THE SCHOOL!

A.OB- none

Date of next meeting –

Date- Thursday 30th November

Venue- Libberton Primary School

Time- 6.30pm.

