

In attendance: Karen Butchart, Caroline Tonner, Carolyn Hall, Sharon Nicolson, Mell Miller, Catriona Smith, Shannon McCroskie, Amanda McKay, Carol Douglas, Kirsty Semple, Sara Stewart

No apologies received.

Welcome Every welcomed and special welcome made to new P1 Parent it was discussed that it would be nice to have more P1 parents involved going forward.

Treasurers report: Balance £1,967.09

Office bearers

No one put themselves forward for any of the roles. Catriona Smith agreed to continue for another year as Treasurer. Sara Stewart will continue as Chair. No permanent cover for secretary, although Sharon Nicolson and Kirsty Semple said they could help until the role was filled.

Mrs Butchart's School Report

Mrs Butchart thanks parents, children and staff for their support during this difficult period. Communication between school and parents is important. Thank you to all parent council members for keeping parent council meetings going via Zoom and Mrs Butchart is hopeful that face to face meetings will resume soon. Looking at the possibility of combining Zoom and face to face to include more parents.

The school continues to have confirmed Covid cases with adults and children. No mitigations will change in October. It is at this point unknown how long the mitigations will stay in place.

The school has noted that some of the mitigations introduced due to Covid have had a positive impact on the school day for the children and will remain. Such as the soft starts to the school day.

Meet the teacher was a success and completed via Zoom.

Parents appointments are in November, but it is still not known how these will take place.

Current school role: School 265

4 new staff members have started: Miss Gallagher, Miss Anderson, Mrs Reynolds and Miss Heidinger.

Jennifer Mulholland Principal teacher has been filling a temporary post at Coylton Primary and has been successful at gaining a permanent Depute Headteacher post at another school and will not be returning. The school wishes Jennifer well in her new role.

Miss Sharpe has now left to take up a post in Dubai the school wishes Sarah well in her new role.

Carolyn Hall has been Principal Teacher in Jennifer Mulholland's absence and will continue in her post until the end of the school year.

Carolyn Hall will be looking after health and wellbeing for the school community this school year.

Mrs Tonner will be taking care of pupil assessments to ensure all children who have gaps in their learning due to Covid are identified and helped.

Mrs Michaelson is the Covid Recovery Teacher this year and will be working with all children within the school.

School has been extremely busy and there is lots planned.

- Breakfast Club has resumed and is going well with Covid routines in place.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning was organised by P7 and was a success. It was virtual again this year with a raffle. Everyone at school got cake and juice, the school has raised £950 so far.
- Harvest next week. A virtual assembly will be held and there will be a collection for the food bank.
- Halloween this year will be a classroom fun day with a party in each class. Children can dress up/down or wear costumes. School thinking about possibility of repeating the Pumpkin Trail this year due to last year's success.
- The school will not be going to panto again this year but will be having a pantomime in school.
- Mrs Tonner has secured £12,000 funding for the whole school via the Adventure Centre for Education (ACE) This will enable all children to have outdoor learning experiences this year. Children will take part in various fun activities.

Parent Council

Halloween: Parent Council agreed to fund £100 for the children's treat bags and to make a £50 donation to the EYC. Sara Stewart volunteered to make up the bags this year for the school.

Christmas: It was agreed the Parent Council will donate £100 to EYC this year and buy the school children their present. Amanda agreed to organise and buy the presents this year.

Fundraising ideas were discussed.

Car boot sale-look into permission to have in school carpark and hire out community hall for indoor space for toilets. Sara will contact Mary Brown and enquire about mitigations in regard to the Community Hall.

Movie night- look into hiring and using the Community Halls in Annbank and Mossblown contact The Iris to see if they can assist with screen and movies.

Lottery- Covid friendly ongoing fundraising idea. Regular fundraising.

Online raffle for Christmas- again covid friendly-email to go out to parents asking for raffle prize donations.

Next meeting- It was decided that we should try and include and involve as many parents as possible. To do this Parents will be surveyed to see the best way forward with this. A date for the next meeting will be decided after the results of the survey are received to try and gauge best date and time to include as many parents as possible.