



CUIKEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting on
Tuesday 6 September 2022
7.00 p.m. via Google Meet**

Present

Claire Bond (Head Teacher)
Meghan Brady-Macdonald (Parent)
Caroline Brown (Parent)
Aoife Callaghan (Parent)
Maria Connelly (Parent)
Gemma Dutton (Parent)
Kimberley Hughes (Depute Head)
Janet Lake (Parent, Chair)
Kirsten Oosterhof (Parent)
Jane Tweedale (Parent, Treasurer)
Lynsey Weir (Minute Clerk)

Apologies

Louise Cassidy (Parent)
Gillian Drummond (Parent, 50/50 Club)
Lisa Laird (Parent)
Claire Monaghan (Parent, Vice Chair)
Leanne Naismith (Parent, 50/50 Club)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

Janet Lake welcomed all and thanked for joining our Google meeting.
Apologies were noted.

2.0 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - 200622.

- 1) Janet will attend a Midlothian Council meeting on the 12 September.
- 2) Tesco Blue tokens – Janet advised that the process to get selected and win some funding can take around 9 months. In the meantime, we will investigate working alongside the Mens Shed for assistance with creating some areas in our playground.
- 3) Janet advised that the Facebook page revamp is still to be actioned.

3.0 SCHOOL REPORT.

- 1) Claire thanked Janet for all her hard work.
- 2) Its been a lovely start to the term and especially without the covid restrictions.
- 3) Focus on attainment; IT use; nurturing and positive relationships; additional support needs with Your Space.
- 4) A yoga teacher will be in school to assist with nurturing.
- 5) Pauline Lawson will join to assist one day a week with Health & Wellbeing.
- 6) Seesaw training for staff – its an online reporting system which staff can use to feedback to families on pupils.
- 7) Home Learning – this will be available for each class within

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Google classroom.

- 8) 'Meet the Teacher' event taking place tomorrow with 2 sessions.
- 9) We are mindful of rising costs for families and are looking to offer assistance i.e. free breakfast club; no charge for Panto.

4.0 TREASURERS REPORT.

- 1) Jane Tweeddale provided an update:

May 2022

Out:

£85 = gazebo

£100 = float

£34.53 = stall prizes

In:

£110 = 50/50 club

June 2022

Out:

£175.98 = Cuiken school, smoothies & ice lollies

£10.88 = 50/50 stamps

In:

£411.82 = Penicuik in the park

£115 = 50/50 club

July 2022

In:

£150 = 50/50 club

August 2022

In:

£150 = 50/50 club

September 2022

Out:

£89.33 = Halloween disco

In:

£137.50 = 50/50 club

BALANCE = £2,485.19

- 2) The 50/50 club continues to thrive and bring in funding – please continue to spread the word and sing up new recruits!
- 3) Janet thanked Jane for all her assistance over the last few years.

5.0 OFFICE BEARERS.

- 1) Janet advised the sad news that Jane wishes to stand down as Treasurer. Jane has provided excellent assistance over the last few years but has decided to step down for family commitments. Janet thanked Jane and hopes she will still see

her at meetings and events. Jane confirmed she is happy to do a full handover with the replacement and would be around for another year until her daughter moves onto High school.

- 2) Janet asked for any interested person keen to take over the Treasurer role to come forward. No takers at the meeting so we will go out to the wider parent body.

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6.0 EVENT / FUND RAISING.

- 1) Future fundraising ideas were discussed – Bettledrive (after discussion decided against); Halloween discos; pupil designed Christmas cards (Kimberley Hughes advised this can work out quite costly for families. Claire Bond will check what the ordering etc all entails with Susan in the office and feedback).
- 2) It was agreed to hold Halloween discos on the 27 October. Discussion took place and ideas included – a Halloween outfits swap; reducing the ticket cost; paying forward a ticket entrance cost; promoting on Twitter. A separate Event meeting will be held to progress planning.
- 3) A thrift shop for passing on school uniform was discussed as it is hoped to get this back up and running and build on what is available and how it can be accessed.

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7.0 50/50 CLUB.

- 1) Please continue to promote new sign ups as this is our main fundraising method at present. We raise approx. £100 each month for our funds. Thank you to Gillian and Leanne for running this, much appreciated.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS.

- 1) None noted.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1) None noted.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 1) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 7pm. It is hoped that the meeting can be held in person but this will depend on current circumstances.

Future meeting dates are set as follows: Thursday 17 November 2022 at 7pm. The Halloween disco will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022.