

Niddrie Mill Parent Council

Minutes of meeting 10 November 2010

In attendance

Chris Cooney, Kelley Scoular, Gemma Wight, Stacey Ferguson, Anthony Sedzro and Val Cameron

Apologies;- Stacy Marko

1. The school have purchased 6 digital cameras which was agreed at the parent Council AGM. The cost of the cameras was £600 which has now been paid to the school. 1 Camera will be sent to Kenya.
2. Chris reported on the finances. The balance in the bank is £451.11. The expenditure since September has been:- 6 Cameras £600, coffee morning £176.64.
3. It has been agreed that PC members will form links with the pupil council and the ECO Group. Stacey will make the initial contact.
4. Chris formally apologised on behalf of all Parent Council members for the overlooked meeting on 26 October 2010
5. Christmas Fayre- Chris asked if people in attendance would be happy to help out at the Christmas Fayre all were willing. Chris will check with the school when they are holding their Fayre and we will have our coffee morning/Christmas Fayre on the same day. We will need to contact shops, agencies to ask for gifts and donations. A letter to be sent to parents and teachers asking them for donations for the fayre. (Kelley will do this).
6. Future events:- It was agreed that we should stick to having events that coincide with special occasions i.e the PLP/parent carer days.Christmas, Easter etc. The next few events held will be:-
Christmas Fayre – date to be confirmed- try and have a tombola, hamper and raffle prizes for the event.
Coffee morning – Friday 4 February 2011(PLP)
Bingo/curry night – at Easter.
Other ideas for fundraising where:-
No uniform day.
7. There will be a meeting with the P7 teachers, Sadie, parent council members to ask them what they would like to do to celebrate their time at Niddrie Mill. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23 November 2010 at 3.15pm. Kelley has suggested that she will contact the Harley Davidson Enthusiasts to ask if there is a possibility of them transporting the leavers to their prom, if they are able and the P7s want this, this will save money on limos etc.
8. Sub Groups- Chris asked if there was anyone willing to form a sub group to take on a fundraising event – no one came forward at this meeting.
9. Any other Business:-
Majority at the meeting that parents/carers are receiving information about Parent Council meeting too late they are being sent out day before meeting due to take place this is too short notice.

We need to find out about school lease for any event that are held – it would save money if they were held at the same time as another group was using the building i.e football.

School Accident procedure – parents are concerned that the school are not informing them of accidents that children have had. Parent council to ask what the procedure is and feed back to parents.

Homework – some parents are concerned that children do not receive enough homework, this is largely due to the new curriculum for excellence which is being rolled out across the city. We will find out what educational sites there are for pupils to access to top up their homework

Parents would like the school to offer some sort of support for parents with regards to homework either a parent's homework group or some guidelines.

Meeting closed 9.45am