

Minutes PALS Meeting 10 September 2019

Venue: Longstone Primary School

Chair: Cheryl Wood

Attendees: Suzanne McGregor
Amy Menzies
Angela Pearston
Danielle Ramsey
Claire Wightman
Lauren Knight
Kelly Hendry
Sheryl McArthur
Phil Murray
Alan Gordon

Apologies: Carole Clingan
Martina Proudfoot
Rachel Bonnar
Lee Scoon
Nollaig Robertson

1. Financial Report

Quiz night raised £197 and the event was well received.

£5149 has been handed over to the school from PALS over the last financial year.

2. Head Teacher's Report

Staffing: Two Early Years Practitioners (EYP) have started in the nursery this week.
In the school, a new PSA has started with another two to start soon.

The clerical post to replace Mrs Andrews has been initially advertised internally.
The office is very understaffed at the moment with Mrs Westgarth on medical leave.

The library will be getting upgraded to create a nurture space using PEF funding designed to help certain pupils who will benefit from a more relaxed environment.

The current books in the library are being sorted to remove old books that are no longer useful. New books will be purchased but most fiction books will be added to classroom libraries.

The ICT suite will be refurbished (currently being costed) and this will combine with the library to create a new creative hub.

Other PEF money will be used on developing the play based approach to learning in P1 and on PSA staff.

3. Hallowe'en Disco

The Hallowe'en disco will be held on Wednesday 30th October. Stina Sparkles are again hosting the disco.

Volunteers will be required to help at each disco.

P1-3 disco 6-7pm; P4-5 7.15-8.30pm

No tuck will be on sale but all disco goers will receive a bag of sweeties on the way out.

There will be novelties on sale.

4. School Farm Project

There is a need for a large amount of compost to be bought for the project which will cost £240. PALS have agreed to give £100 initially towards this but may be able to add more to the pot in the new year.

The project is progressing in the school grounds next to the outdoor classroom and will be ready to plant in the spring.

5. Outdoor Learning

A parent had queried why P1 parents have been asked to purchase waterproofs for their own children even though PALS have bought waterproofs for the whole school to be used at outdoor learning.

The waterproofs bought have not been used and are still in boxes due to staffing shortages. Parents will help sort them out so they can be used in outdoor learning.

6. School Gates

There have been a couple of instances where some school gates have not been unlocked in the morning.

Mr Elliot is currently on annual leave so relief janitors will be reminded to make sure all gates are unlocked in the morning.

7. Christmas Fair

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas fair. A date of Saturday 7th December has been agreed upon.

Requests for help should go out soon in order to staff as many stalls as possible.

Parents should start thinking about who to ask for raffle prizes, if there's anything they can make to sell or any other ideas for stalls, games, etc.

8. A.O.C.B

The P4 football team need more team mates as they will move from four-a-side to seven-a-side after christmas.

The SFA have offered to come and run sessions at the school to encourage more people to sign up.

There is currently a P4 and P5 team but no P3, 6 or 7 team due to a lack of parent to manage the team. A plea will go out on social media to encourage parents interested to come forward..

Kerrs' Removals have kindly agreed to sponsor the P4 and P5 football teams and provide new strips. A thanks will go out on social media.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held at Longstone Primary at 7pm on Tuesday 8th October 2019