

Minutes PALS Meeting 14 January 2020

Venue: Longstone Primary School

Chair: Cheryl Wood

Attendees: Amy Menzies
Suzanne McGregor
Carole Clingan
Angela Pearston
Alan Gordon
Lee Scoon
Fiona Angus
Lauren Knight
Rachel Bonnar
Phil Murray
Martina Proudfoot

Apologies: Danielle Ramsey
Claire Wightman
Sabine Donnelly
Nollaig Robertson

1. Financial Report

No new outgoings/incomings from previous meeting. There is a healthy bank balance after the Christmas Fair.

10% of the monies raised has been paid to the discretionary fund totalling £392.37.

Total money given to the school is £5902.56

2. Head Teachers' Report

The new P2 teacher, to cover Mrs Menzies maternity leave, has started.

A new full time, permanent PSA(pupil support assistant) has also started in the nursery.

Mrs Westgarth and Mrs Notman are returning from extended medical leave next week on a phased return.

The school budget is down on where we would like to be.

There will be a building refurbishment ongoing this year costing 1.2million pounds, carrying out much needed repairs to the school.

PEF(pupil equity funding) will be used to fund P1/2 play based learning and the nurture room. The P2 class furniture will also be replaced using this fund.

£5000 was spent on smart boards last year and unfortunately, the smart board in the P6 class has broken. PALS have agreed to fund the new smart board.

The ICT suite is due to be upgraded this year and the school may need help with funding this. There has not been a cost from the council for how much the refurbishment will cost or how much funding will be given for this. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The next events PALS organise will be advertised as fundraisers for the ICT suite.

Cash for Kids gave Longstone Primary funding for 31 children to receive presents for Christmas worth £50 each.

3. Burns' Night

Will be held on Thursday 30th January.

Ceilidh Kids and a musician are booked.

Book tokens worth £10 will be presented to the winner of the Scots poem competition from each class and also the winner of the Selkirk Grace and Address to a Haggis. The competition winners also receive a ticket providing free entry to the Burns' night for themselves and an adult where they will recite their winning poem.

The winners will be judged on the 24th January.

On the night the winners poems will be recited throughout the night rather than all in one go.

4. A.O.B.

Rachel suggested a company called Party Kit Network could be a way of fundraising and is also an ecological solution to wastefulness at birthday parties where party kits can be hired, rather than buying single use party items. Their website is partykitnetwork.uk for more details.

5. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held at Longstone Primary at 7pm on Tuesday 18th February 2020