



Ormiston Primary School Parent Council

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Parent Council Meeting 21st January 2020 Ormiston Primary School

Subject: Parent Council Meeting
Date: 21st January 2020
Location: Ormiston Primary School
Chair: Phil Bancroft
Author: Kathryn McAleese
Attendees: Jo Barron, Ian Flory, Phil Bancroft, Lynsey Jarvis, Carollee Newell, Alex Gray.
Other Attendees: Helen Gardyne (Head Teacher)
Apologies: Nicola, Pascal, Kirsty, Vicki

Agenda

No.:	Agenda Item:	Owner:	Time (Min):
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Approval of Minutes	Chair	2 min
2.	Welcome to new members	Chair	10 min
3.	Review Goals of Parent Council	All	10 min
4.	Events Timetable for the year	All	10 min
5.	Finance Update	Flo	2 min
6.	Results of School Review/HT Update	Helen	10 min
7.	Ceilidh Update	Chair	5 min
8.	Parent Queries	All	As required
9.	Date and time for Next Meeting	Chair	2 min



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MEETING DESCRIPTION

1. Welcome, Apologies and Approval of Minutes

Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new members Alex, Carol and Lynsey.

Apologies were received from Vicki Marr, Pascal Smith, Kirsty and Nicola. Nicola will no longer be part of the Parent Council.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2. Welcome to new members

All members introduced themselves, including which year their children are in and what they do for a living, new members revealed their expectations of involvement required in belonging the Parent Council.

Phil confirmed how pleased we are that they have joined.

Which days suit everyone for meetings was discussed, with Tuesdays being the most favoured option.

3. Review of Goals of Parent Council

Phil stated we are in a new phase at the moment of the Parent Council, and that we need to decide how to move forward, whether to keep to the rhythm of what we have been doing or change some things.

The main goal of the Parent Council is fundraising for the school, and being able to provide the funds for requests from Helen such as the uniform project/photography project.

Helen discussed how the village is changing, with the new build developments, and that it would be good for the Parent Council to do some things to bring people together.

4. Events Timetable for the Year

The events which usually take place throughout the year were discussed; The School Fair, Ceilidh, Film Nights and Discos.



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There was discussion around the time of the year which is most appropriate for the School Fair to take place. It is usually in September, however it has not been as busy for the last 2 years. The possibility of moving day to a Friday was discussed however it was decided that a smaller Friday event should be trialled to see if it was well attended. Helen has sent out a Google Poll to parents to gauge thoughts on the best time of year for the fair.

The possibility of an Easter and Halloween Disco was discussed, along with suggestions for Mothers/Fathers Day events, a Daffodil Tea, Quiz Night and Beatle Drive.

Further plans will be discussed at the Fundraising Meeting.

5. Finance

Flo provided the following update:

The parent council have £4,415.12 in the bank

Outgoings:

None

The cheque for Outdoor Learning has not been cashed, Flo will write another one.

6. Results of School Review/HT Update

The schools budgets are tight at the moment, Helen has been asked not to spend anything from the school budget until the end of the school year. Helen requested money from PC for cameras however ELC has agreed to cover it.

The review in December was phenomenally positive, with sector leading practice being recognised and international interest level. The reviewers were very impressed the children could talk about themselves and themselves so well. The quality of teaching was so high.

The school has been put forward as a research school, will get funding to put teachers forward to develop the project.

Part 1 of the Lighthouse Assessment has been done, the second part will be on 28th March. If this is achieved we will be 1 of only 3 in the UK.



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Maureen has left, for the moment we have nobody on a Friday, however the job has been advertised. Since the meeting took place, someone has been appointed. The PC agreed to purchase 2 bottles of process which Helen pass on to her at her leaving night.

7. Ceilidh Update

It was agreed that more advertising needed to be done. Jo has stakes that she will give to be put up on the entrances to the village. There will be a raffle at the Ceilidh which will be advertised in a text to parents and on Facebook. Alex will pick up snacks for tuck stall.

8. Parent Queries

None received

9. Date and Time for Next Meeting

18th February, Fundraising Meeting 7-8pm