

Struthers Primary School



Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 1st February 2023 6.15pm

Present: Lucy Mullan (Chairperson), Craig Dalziel (Clerk), Gail McKellar (HT), Gillian Baillie, Lauran Halbert and Barbara Birnie

Apologies: Paul Murray (Vice Chairperson), Lucy Lockie (Acting Depute HT),

1. Welcome and Introduction

Lucy welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. School Updates

Gail's update including the following:

- School Roll is now 330 plus 60 in the nursery.
- Ayrshire Roads Alliance had sent Gail an email to advise the school to take up Bikeability, Park and Stride and Walk to School Week in May to address inconsiderate parking issues. Gail pointed out that the school already participates in these 3 initiatives.
- New Early Years Centre – Aiming to complete access road at end of Feb but still some issues over connecting water supply. Still aiming for approx. April opening.
- Elaine Smith retiring on 10th March, interviews scheduled for 3rd Feb for a post of 21 hours.
- Theatre Online booked for Pantomime this year, they are a travelling theatre company, children really enjoyed last year's performance and asked for them to return.
- Seesaw – A discussion took place regarding continued use of this. It will cost the school £2600 for a year's licence and Gail is keen to hear the views of parents on it's continued use. Mr Hanniford issued a survey and found that a number of classes are not interacting with it much at all. Teachers have also said that one of the issues is that word document's always need to be converted to PDF's which is time consuming and also pupils don't always complete their homework using it. Further discussion will take place over the next few weeks.

3. Fundraising Update

No further updates from last meeting as Gillian was unable to attend.

4. AOB

It was decided due to the industrial action to cancel the next meeting scheduled for March.

Craig read out an email from Cllr McKay regarding continuing problems of inconsiderate parking. Cllr McKay is keen to have a more joined up approach with other Troon schools. Parent Council were happy to support this going forward.

5. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 6.15pm