

Udny Green School Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday 21 September 2023 / 6.00pm – / Udny Green Primary School

Annual General Meeting 1

ATTENDEES

Committee - Ryan Wark (RW), Hannah McSeveney (HM), Allison Hume (AH),
Annie Bartel (AB)

Teachers - Mrs McPike Head Teacher (MP), Mrs Fowler

Parents - Jakki Wemyss (JW), Donna Moates (DM), Heather Wark (HW), Chrissy Bodington (CBd), Claire Bain (CB), Sarah Young (SY), Abby Twigger (AT)

APOLOGIES

Kathryn McDonald, Adrienne Reid, Sam Agnew

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes from last meeting**
- 3. Treasurer Update**
- 4. Welcome from Mrs McPike**
- 5. New Parent Council**
- 6. AOB**

1. WELCOME

As the meeting was being held a little earlier than usual to allow some of the committee to be able to attend, HM gave the welcome to the group and thanked everyone for attending at the new time and for giving up their home time. Chips were brought in for the kids who had to come along. This proved really popular and could be an incentive for future meetings?

2. ACTION POINTS FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING


- ❖ Feedback from the BBQ was brilliant. We had a great day and thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped, donated gifts or prizes and for coming and buying a burger and enjoying the event.
- ❖ It was discussed how to gain more volunteer helpers at the events. Helpers were very stretched at the last couple of events, so we really do need your help at these in future.
 - Would invitations via email from the school be more accessible? or

- Some parents suggested paper invitations sent home in kids bags be more helpful, but maybe these would not be as good for the older classes as their bags are less likely to be checked as often as the young ones.
- Do all the new parents have access to the private facebook page? Please let someone know if you need access and we can arrange this. Would this be a better way for communication?

If you have any thought please feel free to suggest these, we'd love to hear your ideas.

- ❖ House point tubes and the shed window will be finished in the next couple of weeks. The volunteers organising these apologised for the hold up.

3. TREASURER UPDATE

- AB provided the financial update 

The BBQ raised a fantastic £1742.06 After expenses were deducted

Easyfundraising paid a huge £496.41.

(Easyfundraising is a completely free to use website like other cashback sites where a small percentage of your shop is paid to the school 'cause'. There are hundreds of places that can be used including clothes shops, holidays, insurance etc. The website is www.easyfundraising.org.uk and our 'cause' is called Udney Green School PTA. Please use this as often as you can when shopping online, every little helps

It must be noted that the parent council bank account currently has £5860.44 which is an amazing amount to start the year with, but without a parent council these funds cannot be accessed.

AB added that last year we have only been able to provide so many things for the children, such as the Big Maths licence, Seaworld trip, the bus for the beach clean trip, Nordic centre trip, thanks to the fantastic fundraising we have done. To be able to continue being able to provide these things we really need a parent council.

4. MRS MCPIKE WELCOME & UPDATE

MP thanked everyone for coming and explained she would also be attending the PC meetings in place of Miss Gibb and will ask 1 teacher to come along to each

meeting. This helps give the teachers some insight to the meetings and meet the parents also.

MP said it has been a very busy but very good first term getting to know all the different parents and is looking forward to getting time to meet those she has not yet had the chance to.

The community cafe will continue to run and the first of these for the year will be on 29th January at 11am. Also attending the cafe will be the school nurse, the community trust and there will be a chance to do some training on Learning Journals should you wish.

MP went on to say she is focusing on keeping parents updated with their child's progress via Learning Journals

Eco group has started up again and everyone is enjoying this. Thank you to the helpers.

MF added how nice it has been having MP and she is fitting in well with the school.

5. NEW PARENT COUNCIL

RW advised all that the current parent council all must step down this year due to various other commitments that they all have. The 3 vital roles that must be filled to allow the pc to continue are, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. It is helpful if there is a Vice Chairperson but this position is not necessary to remain compliant with our constitution.

The roles of each were discussed along with the details of what would happen with the funds in the bank account.

CB very kindly volunteered for any position but explained she may be unable to complete certain tasks due to a clash with another volunteer position she holds outwith the school.

AT very kindly volunteered for a position, but felt unable to do Treasurer.

After some discussions around what each role involved the 2 ladies will now take over as Chair and Secretary.

Chairperson - Claire Bain Nominated by - Heather Wark Seconded by - Annie Bartel

Secretary - Abby Twigger Nominated by - Donna Moats Seconded by - Claire

Bains

Treasurer - Still to be filled

As all 3 roles could not be filled on the night, an emergency pc meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October to allow more time to find a Treasurer and for the pc's to officially handover.

6. AOB

Q? Is the residential trip going to be to Loch Inch again this year?

A! It is likely but at the moment nothing has been decided. More information will follow on this shortly.

Q? Will it be possible to upload videos to Learning Journals?

A! Yes. Learning Journals is very new into school and is continually being developed. The function to upload videos will be available, but there is no time frame at the moment.

Q? What did others think about possibly getting first aid training for the children and or parents?

A! There was a lot of discussion around this as "Dinky Doctors" had recently visited the older classes and it had been very popular and the children responded well to it. MP looking further into if there is something similar for younger children and what this may entail.

Q? Should we set a date for the Christmas Fayre early so we dont clash with Pitmedden again?

A! Provisionally this year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 1st December afternoon.

Next meeting will be an Emergency Annual General Meeting on **THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER @ 6.30PM**

This will be to change over the parent council. If you can attend please do, these are a great chance to hear about whats happening with the school, share your ideas and meet other parents. (Or you're welcome to just come and listen, we're all a friendly group really 😊)