

S.H.A.P.E.S.

Committee Meeting 11/01/2017

St Hilary's Primary School, 7pm

PRESENT: Maureen Reid (Head Teacher), Carly Sarwar (Chair), Claire C. Shackleton (Secretary), Joanne Lindsay (Treasurer), Julie Cannon, Tracey Howarth, Jill Moore, Donna Lynch, Carol-Ann Conner, Sharon O'Connor, Maureen Williams, Fiona Dickson, Jacqui Richford, Christine Garcia, Myra Dolan (Savvy Savers)

APOLOGIES: Susan McManus, Gemma Crawford

1. CHAIRPERSON WELCOME.

CS welcomes all S.H.A.P.E.S. Members and non members attending the meeting.

2. TREASURY REPORT.

JL confirmed the account balance on 10/01/2017 was £4,291.44.

Previous balance on 04/11/2016 was £1,478.71. The account balance was boosted by the profits of the Christmas Fayre.

3. SAVVY SAVERS PROJECT.

MR informed the committee the Savvy Savers project should start on the 17th February in collaboration with Lanarkshire Credit Union. Myra Dollan, representative for the Lanarkshire Credit Union, introduced the project currently running in 89 schools in partnership with the Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council. There are currently 8900 young savers using this service with more than £800k in savings collectively.

The project will give the children the opportunity to learn about savings, opening a saving account and take part in Fun Financial Workshops.

MD explained the role and services provided by the Credit Union as a financial institution and that this project will be solely connected with the Lanarkshire Credit union with branches in Blantyre, Rutherglen and Larkhall.

Full information regarding this initiative will be issued to parents/carers towards the end of January.

In brief, the project aims to create a St Hilary's Credit Union and encourage children to open their own savings account. A weekly office will be run by the P6 pupils, along with teachers supervision, to allow children to make deposits (minimum £0.50) into their accounts. Children will be able to design their own savings book and will be offered a yearly dividend.

This is a Opt-in project and application forms will be issued to all families.

The school will only handle deposits, withdraws will have to be made in the dedicated branches or by giving transfer instructions to the institution.

This initiative is also being rolled out into High Schools to allow continuity of the programme.

MR confirmed a section of the new library will be set up like an office with a waiting area to allow children the privacy to make deposits, but also to have the feel of the office environment.

4. HEAD TEACHER UPDATES.

MR extends her thanks for the great results of the Christmas Fayre.

Staffing update: Mrs McGhee has returned and will attend 3 days a week. A new member of the teaching staff, Mrs Smart has started this week, she will have a pastoral care role and will provide support to other teachers.

Communications: The new website will be available in February and a new twitter account is also under development. The messaging service is ready to be launched.

Funding: MR looking into costs for new reading scheme.

Alladin: Auditions for the upcoming school show, Alladin, will be starting soon and will involve P4-P7 pupils. Mrs Dollan and Mrs Orr will be involved and children will be busy rehearsing probably during lunch clubs or after school clubs.

Rookie Rockstars: this anti-bullying charity group will be visiting St Hilary's in March and will be working every afternoon for a week with each class. The pupils will then perform in a show on the 23rd March for all parent/carers.

Artsnet: the organisation was delighted with the recent work done with the P7 pupils. This has lead to an invitation for children to be part of the Big Chorus event which will be held in Hamilton. A number of pupils have been selected as principals.

Nike: after the success of last November activity, Nike have agreed to come back and will be visiting at different times starting with the Bosco House on 31st January.

After School Clubs: reviews will be taking place shortly.

5. VISIONS, VALUES & AIMS.

MR is consulting with pupils, teachers and parents on what the school Visions, Values and Aims should be.

Attending parents were asked to offer their views during the meeting.

6. FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR 2017

Ideas have been given for possible fundraising activities. Two events have been agreed: a Tea Party on the 24th March and s Summer Fun Day on the 3rd June.

Also possibility of the children making/selling items for Mother/Fathers Day has been discussed.

Concern has been expressed on communication with regards of how the money raised is used. It was suggested targets and spending to be highlighted/communicated.

Possibility of alternative ways to have School Pictures will be looked into.

A reminder that volunteers and ideas are always welcomed.

7. AOB.

It has been noted people are bringing dogs into the playground. MR to issue reminder only assistance dogs permitted on school grounds.

MR to undertake consultation on school times after questions have been raised on why the school starts at 8.55am and not 9am.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7pm.