

# **S.H.A.P.E.S.**

## **Committee Meeting 1 February 2017**

St Hilary's Primary School, 7pm

**PRESENT:** Maureen Reid (Head Teacher), Jill Moore (Meeting Chair), Joanne Lindsay (Treasurer/Minute taker), Donna Lynch, Gemma Crawford, Sharon O'Connor, Carol-Ann Conner, Maureen Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Tracey Howarth, Susan McManus, Claire Shackelton, Cecilia Muldoon, Julie Cannon, Carly Sarwar

### **CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

JM welcomes all S.H.A.P.E.S. Members.

### **TREASURY REPORT**

JL confirmed there has been no activity on account since previous meeting in January and balance stands at £4291.44.

### **HEAD TEACHER UPDATES**

Twitter: MR was happy to confirm that St Hilary's Twitter account is up and running and is pleased with some of the community links/opportunities which have already been established as a result.

Savy Savers: MR reported there are 60 applicants so far.

School start time: MR has been given permission from authority to go ahead with parent consultation re school start time. If consultation results in change to start time this would be put into action after a school holiday. A change in start time would not change time of dismissal. This would remain to be 3pm and lunchtime would be altered accordingly.

Dogs in playground: MR confirmed 'No Dogs' signs have been put up and that there have been no further reports about dogs in playground.

Warning bell: MR has introduced an extra bell at 2.55pm to alert staff of time ensuring prompt dismissal of pupils.

Pupil equity funding: MR confirmed that school would be receiving funding directly from Scottish Government. £13,200 is the amount published which school will be allocated. Allowance for this is decided upon using number of free meal entitlement within school. There are tight restrictions around how funds can be spent for raising attainment. MR is attending meeting about this on 27<sup>th</sup>

February and will update after this.

First Minister's Reading Challenge: There will be a big launch on 20<sup>th</sup> February with a special assembly. MR would like to have a 'star reader' for the day and has contacted several Scottish celebrities asking them to come along. As yet this has been unsuccessful and committee were asked if anyone had any contacts/ideas. MR will also ask parents to volunteer to read to groups of children as part of the launch.

Infant Reading Scheme: MR would like to replace P1-3 reading scheme. Currently Oxford Literacy Web is being used. This is very old and no longer in publication meaning no replacement books can be purchased. MR feels that replacing this is a priority and would like to purchase Oxford Reading Tree which is a much better resource and widely used. Ideally MR would like to purchase class sets of novels for P4-7, however these stages currently have more options available and P1-3 needs to be prioritised as this is the stage where children learn to read. Initial quote to purchase complete set needed for Oxford Reading Tree was over £7200. With much effort MR has been offered a 40% discount which brings final quote down to £4325.70. MR asked SHAPES to consider a donation towards this cost for as much as could be afforded. It was agreed that as several members could not attend meeting a vote would be taken using What App group. MR informed that a decision would be needed fairly quickly in order to secure 40% discount.

## **Fundraiser**

Group discussed proposed Easter/Spring time fundraiser. Initial idea of coffee morning/Easter bonnet/Mad Hatters tea party was discussed considering a range of options but suggested that potential for raising funds this way was limited. CC suggested that disco/party afternoon similar set up to Hallowe'en disco might be a better option for boosting funds. Group felt that as there would be no let to pay, an entry fee would be collected and outlay could be kept minimal this would be a better alternative. It was suggested that children could wear an Easter bonnet or hat if they wished and could receive a crème egg or similar when leaving. Also children could be entered into a prize draw for large Easter egg. JM suggested that raffle ticket for this could be allocated when children purchase ticket as there are left over raffle tickets in parents' room.

MR confirmed that Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.15pm would be a suitable time for this to take place but stressed that there would need to be more parent helpers than previous disco and feels a minimum of 10 helpers would be required. CC will draw up a list of helpers.

## **A.O.B**

SO suggested that food in parents' room should be checked for use by date as previously there has been waste. DL will check in next couple of days.

MR will check that P.2's are getting P.E lessons as before.

MR confirmed that all 'Sports' afterschool clubs are now asked for £1 donation, this will not affect drama and homework clubs at the moment.

MR confirmed that all P1 pupils are participating in multi sports for a few weeks at lunchtime and then all P2 pupils will do so for remaining weeks of block.

MR confirmed that this year's First Holy Communion would be 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am and Fr Rafal is happy for Communion Tea afterwards for pupils and parents in Church Hall. Parent council have

organised tea in previous years. MR also confirmed that she has provisionally booked Pali photo, who stepped in last year.

DL queried the need for photographs of pupils to be published on Twitter and the security surrounding this. MR confirmed that strict guidelines are being followed, that parents can withdraw consent for this at any time and feels that overall the use of photographs enhances this way of communicating.

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7pm.**