

MINUTES

Port Erroll Parent Council Meeting

Date / time Wednesday 22nd May 2024 | **Meeting called to order by** Debi Thompson (Chair)

Venue Port Erroll Primary School

Welcome and Apologies

Attendees		Apologies
Debi Thompson (Chair) Donna Findlay (Secretary) Mrs O'Neil (Head Teacher) Amanda Findlay (Teacher) Suzanne Slatford	Katrina Argo Debbie Murray Abbi Scouller	Mike Milton (Treasurer)

Welcome and apologies

Thank you to everyone for coming. Mike sent his apologies

Chairpersons Report

The parent council are organising a beach themed disco for this term. The disco will be held on Friday the 21st of June in the school hall from 6pm until 7.30pm. Entry will be £3.00 per child which includes a snack and drink. The DJ from Simply Events is booked and we'll be taking some beach themed photos for the children. We'll have glow sticks again but no glitter tattoos this time.

We'll look at supporting the school with anything they might need from our remaining funds.

Treasurer's Report

Our bank balance is now sitting at £1,044.01.

Head Teachers Report

- Mrs O'Neil is evaluating and planning ahead for next year. The school is investing in more reading books primarily for P1-4 since there are a few gaps, along with trying to buy more iPads. The school is still waiting for a grant to buy new interactive white boards for classrooms
- School trips – all classes have been on a trip now which they have all enjoyed
- Stem Awards – the school is hoping to win a few awards this year. Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Taylor have been filmed recently to show other schools ideas of what they can do within their own schools
- Health week was a great success
- The residential trip for the P7's is on Monday the 10th of June
- P6 have bikeability week commencing the 10th of June
- A few parents have asked about previous years P4's missing swimming lessons due to COVID, wanting to know if there is any way it can be done now. While the school would love to be able to offer this, its not something the

school has any control over. It's not always a given that the current P4's will be granted lessons. It's an unfortunate consequence of COVID

- Mrs O'Neil is working on the classes for next term, we should know soon how the classes will be made up and which teacher will be assigned to each class
- The speech therapist is still coming to school despite reports in the press
- Parents evenings will be held in June, these will be face to face this year and the normal booking system will be used, details will be shared nearer the time

Parent Council Fundraising for the Remainder of the Term

The Parent Council asked Mrs O'Neill what the school would like the parent council to donate this year and the school would be grateful of a few new iPads. Depending on the cost and the money raised at the disco, we will aim to donate 3 iPads.

Any Other Business

It was again noted that the Parent Council is mainly made up of parents of older children (P6 & P7) so we need some new members to join to ensure that the Parent Council can continue to help our children by buying additional equipment for the school from the fundraising done and having an input into various topics raised in school.

Meetings only take an hour 4 times a year. You can join as an ordinary member, just coming along listening and discussing any topics raised. You don't have to do anything other than that but obviously if you'd be willing to help out at school discos or have any great fundraising ideas we would welcome any input.

If childcare is an issue you are welcome to take your children along, they can either sit in reception on the comfy seats or sit with you at the meeting if they're too little to be left by themselves, its all very flexible and you can even get a tea or coffee.

If you'd be interested in coming along please just drop us an email (porterrollpc@outlook.com) or turn up on the night, we're all very welcoming.

At the end of the day we do this for our children since supporting the school supports our children.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held in September. We will be looking for new committee members as a few of our members will be leaving at the end of this term.