

## Currie Primary School PTA Meeting

### Minutes

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

7pm via Teams

**In attendance:** Susie Bass, Sally Hourston, Catherine Colquhoun, Fiona Hamil, Jen Cowan, Beth Wright, Fionnuala Hamill (New DH at CPS), Alena Odzioba, Laura Morrison, Cristina Vasilica, Ewan Colquhoun, Susan Donnachie, Puneet Gupta, Eilidh Dane, Beth Robertson.

**1. Welcome and apologies:**

Welcome to Fionnuala Hamill, new DH at CPS.

**2. Review of Previous Minutes and action points.**

All areas for review and actions points for discussion were included under agenda items.

**3. PVG Update:**

- BW booked to go on VSDBS course May 7<sup>th</sup>
- BW to speak with SJ re compiling a list of current PVG'd PTA members and volunteers for FH to ensure enough people are available for forthcoming discos.
- SB suggested calling DBS directly for clarity re requirements if needed.

**4. Christmas Fayre Debrief**

- SH said that Santa's grotto was a great addition.
- Book stall – maybe ask only for school donations for next year as we had a lot of books.
- Plant stall – another helpful addition.
- SH said it has been helpful for pupils to have access to both halls. School didn't miss external stall form previous years as fundraising was very successful.

**5. Jan Bake sale Debrief**

- Poor weather was a bit disappointing and was difficult to rely on the gym hall as tricky logistically with assembly running on.
- SH suggested shifting assembly to 9am on Bake Sale days routinely, so as to always make hall available in case of poor weather.
- Jewellery selling makes it a bit more complex – best to stick with baking. JC suggested adding a Currie Crafts table as an alternative for the May Fayre.
- It was agreed that PTA and school need to be consistent about fundraising for the school at events and any additional children selling things need to be with an adult supervising.
- Next Bake Sale 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- **Action:** FH to communicate re that on Monday

- **Action:** SD to check bags (1000 bought)
- **Action:** SH Ten P7 helpers required for 27<sup>th</sup>..

## 6. Upcoming Events Planning:

### Easter Colouring Competition:

- SH says this is in hand with house captains running it.
- PTA to provide three prizes.
- **Action:** JC to collect prizes from Sarah J
- **Action:** PTA to buy an additional couple of Easter eggs (under £10)
- **Action:** SH to announce winners on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> (school is off on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>!)

### May Fayre:

- JC suggested we would need a primary focus for fundraising
- SH said there is some money left for slide repairs but council has not fixed drain as yet.
- SH mentioned new curtains, sound system, hall painting and sensory circuit – quotes will be coming in.
- May Fayre – SH suggested a ‘Save The Slide’ campaign OR curtains in the hall/sound system.
- **Action:** Once quotes come in, PTA can pick which one we can fundraise for.
- SH waiting for council work on drain being moved and bank being rebuilt – last year quoted at £7.5-8k.
- Hall- curtains need to be repaired. It is a useful public area. Hall needs repainted. Projector button is broken and needs repaired/moved. Projector is 20 years old and needs repaired/upgraded. New projector and sound system required.
- Timing for decision – **Action:** JC has given general info re fundraising but aim to say to parents just in advance of Easter holidays.
- It was agreed that a chunk will go to ‘Save Our Slide’ and anything else can go to the hall.
- Sales of raffle tickets have gone down – would a tangible target encourage sales?
- New stalls – cactus hoopla to be repaired (PE cupboard), nerf gun range with cans, sale of 3d printed toys, any animals on school grounds would need to be properly insured etc. (pony/animal man/menagerie?)
- External providers – Simon Says Dance, Hamilton Heel-Toe, Balerno Dance Academy has confirmed, Emergency Services – police yes, FBrigade and ambulance tbc if available on the day.
- Food – SD has not heard back as yet re pies and not heard back as yet from Baynes.
- SH has asked Vicki about pies from Campbells so we may get them at a reduced cost. **Action:** SH to confirm with SH.
- Indian delights will be there this year (slightly reduced options) we cover costs but any profit comes to school.
- We may need to add in additional catering options – hotdogs? Would be popular with kids. Slow cookers and bulk buy? OR sausage rolls. Volunteers needed for hotdogs (food hygiene concerns?)

- Puneet will check with parent group if anyone else might provide food.
- Beth R to run ice cream stall – buy from booker in advance.
- Raffle and silent auction – Catherine has put in for licence and has raffle tickets on order ready to send home before Easter holidays.
- School uniform stall – school has plenty (will also be available on parents’ eve). If short, PTA can advertise. Would big storage boxes be helpful for this? **Action:** SH says yes and JC will look into this. Billie will help with this and cuddly toy collection.
- Beth and Beth will prepare hampers
- Letters are out for donations
- Spreadsheet sent by JC re places contacted. Please get back to Jen with more ideas.
- Action: SH says sign up sheet to go out to teachers before break.
- Splat the P7 will happen again, but we won’t ask P7 for other stalls as tricky to manage on the day. **Action:** SH to organise splat the P7 TT.
- Allergy signage will be placed out as usual.
- FH suggested we check signage -check how many and what condition signs are in.
- Edinburgh badminton will do a demo.
- Play2Learn – **Action:** JC to contact.

## 7. Finance Update

- Puneet Bake Sale – profit £340
- £410 on goalposts from community chest
- £3300 – ten extra Ipads
- £3900 in the bank pre march bake sale.
- Approx. £500 in (we hope) for March bake sale so £4500 pre May Fayre.
- Bank card and addresses all set up and should now be working ok.
- No update as yet from Parent Council re sharing account to cut costs.
- FH requested float for bake sale. **Action:** PG.
- Card with tokens as well as cash to be arranged for May Fayre. **Action:** PG

## 8. CPS Wishlist

- Sensory circuit to be painted out of school budget.
- Successful application re goalposts and some extra for footballs **Action:** SB to confirm with AD.
- **Action:** SH to provide SB with a photo of pupils enjoying the new goalposts at CPS for the Currie Community Chest.
- Application deadline in May – up to £600 for equipment, otherwise it will be in November. SH suggests scaffolding planks for repair of all raised beds in main playground.

### **9. Grant Funding Updates.**

- Currie Kirk gave a generous donation for camp.
- Round Table has not been approached this year as yet – get quote for materials for raised beds and ask them.
- **Action:** SD to check if other companies might also be available to help with raised beds (time and/or money/materials).
- Kerry Strange has put application in for Learning Through Landscapes

### **10. Gardening**

- Spring Garden Tidy Up: Week end date tbc.
- FH suggested approaching a bank/company for volunteers to help with gardening.
- One person so far will be coming to start on the veg plot.
- SH/SB says via 'Neighbourly' TSB volunteers will also be coming to help out with gardening on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **11. Parent Social**

- It was agreed that due to time constraints, we will revisit this idea at the June meeting.

### **12. Communications:**

- First comms from Jen week after Easter hols re dates, times, raffle tix, how to volunteer with QR codes on the Thursday of that week.
- Catherine will get everything delivered in advance. JC CC an Sd to meet in school to organise sorting envelopes etc.

### **13. AOB**

Parent social was mentioned - discussion as above.

**Next PTA meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7pm.**