



TINTO PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
School Road, Symington ML12 6RW

EDUCATION RESOURCES

Head Teacher: Ms Alex Stark

Executive Director: Jim Gilhooly

Tinto Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th February 2016

Present: A Stark, L Shanks, F Lyon, H Leslie, C Johnstone, A Forgie, A Reid, A Minnie, R Conn

Apologies: I MacLeod, H Stewart, P Duncan, D Laing

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

LS advised that a letter had been sent to Tinto Construction in relation to gaining the ground at the back of the school. As yet no response.

Previous minutes were agreed.

School Modernisation update:

Decant Facility

Plans to remove the front section, Construction company said initially they would need 5 weeks but have requested a further 2 weeks. This would mean that the Nursery and P4/5/6 would need to come into the main school. As this is two weeks before the end of the school term the nursery would hold their sports day and leavers assembly. The rest of the classes will do activities based on the Olympics.

AS advised that the school will be closing as normal on the 24 June and will take the additional days at the start of the new term to enable staff to unpack. Children will return on Thursday 18th August.

AS has looked into an external phone line for the nursery but this will be too costly as will come out of the new build budget. Mobiles phones are not suitable as due to the amount of metal we are unable to get a signal. Concerns raised with regards to photocopying etc. This is being looked into further by SLC.

AS has visited Ridgepark along with Gordon Turnbull and Jean Hamilton. All the furniture has not been left so Tinto will take their own.

The Landscape Gardner has visited Tinto and will draw up a plan for what the school will need. He was very impressed with how Tinto has their garden and how well it is maintained. Ideas for new

playground, new raised beds with access for disabled, new shed which will require less maintenance, new trim trail, picnic table and playground markings. The children will have a say as to what they would like.

Chad McCail has asked for an Art installation which will involve each of the children painting a tile which will be incorporated into the wall of the new school. This wall will be re-enforced to take this art.

Teachers Post

There have been 25 applicants and 7-9 have been short listed for interview. AS has still to grade them. Interviews are hoping to take place on 1/2 March.

Treasurers report:

Bank balance is £867.46 and this is with each class given £200 for class trips.

Fundraisers report:

Gus has still to confirm with Diane if the date of 11 March for the Race Night is suitable. FL to contact Gus to confirm he has received the e-mail.

After School Club report:

It has been very quiet of late but this is due to not being able to get hold of coaches. Leah Wilson has been trying too. It isn't unusual for ASC to be a bit quieter at this time of year.

Events planned for March are

Primary 1-3 Sport Fundamentals

Primary 4-7 Introduction to Badminton

Football will commence after Easter but after the new school is built unsure if this will continue as it is currently a parent of the school who takes it.

AM asked the meeting if there was discussion over a hose being purchased for the school as currently need a 40m hose to enable them to water the garden. AS to ask about getting an outside tap.

Bank balance – approximately £1200

Funding Grants update:

LS has looked into the Flight Path community fund that could possibly be available to South Lanarkshire but couldn't find anything. Guidelines from both Glasgow and Edinburgh airports are vague and do not mention South Lanarkshire as an area that would be considered for funding. RC to find out a bit more about it.

MS advised that the Scout group and the football club have applied for funding for a new building for football club, 4g pitch, café (this would be run by parents). The Scottish SFA are supporting it along with Lottery and Windfarm. Aileen Campbell, MSP and Alex Stark will be representing for the area. When the work goes ahead it will be a facility for the local community which covers areas which feed into Biggar High School.

Head Teachers Report:

AS passed round the cloud 10 3 yr plan and the improvement plan and we looked at the targets that were set and what was achieved.

The school received £300 from the photographer and this money was used to buy woodworking technology.

Daily Mile

This has been undertaken by every child in the school and takes place every day regardless of the weather. An email was circulated to parents to ensure that children come into school dressed appropriately for this. P6/7 measured the distances as part of their maths and calculated that it was 5 and a half times round the school. The children are now getting faster at completing this walk each day.

Named Person

AS clarified that from August 2016 each child will have a named person – leaflets will be going out about this.

0-5 Health Visitor

Primary – Head Teachers, Principle teacher

High School – Guidance teacher and if the child leaves school they still have a named person until they are 18.

Any Other Business:

FL asked about the Sainsbury vouchers – last time they were used to buy new playground games and are collecting them again.

Taste of the Mediterranean is on Thursday 3 March 2016– a menu will be sent out to each child in due course

World Book Day – Friday 4 March 2016. Children can dress up as their favourite book Character.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd May 2016, 7pm Tinto Primary School.