

## Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Present -       Lorna Christie  
                    Alex Stark  
                    Lorna Kilgallon  
                    Alistair Reid  
                    Dawn Turner  
                    Sarah Cook  
                    Ailsa Forgie  
                    Pamela Duncan  
                    Rory Conn

Apologies -     Diane Laing

1. Minutes from last meeting were agreed.
2. Matters Arising
  - Lorna Christie spoke about the National Parent Forum Scotland, who are holding a meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone interested in going with Lorna should contact her to let her know.
3. Head Teacher Report

**Staffing:** I am delighted to inform the P.C that Mrs Kilgallon will now be the permanent full time P.T as from 14.1.17. Mrs Kilgallon has performed the role to an extremely high standard in an Acting capacity and I look forward to working alongside Mrs Kilgallon as part of the substantive management team. The Parent Forum will be informed via the school newsletter at the end of the week.

2018/19 staffing: See below. It is not possible at present to designate teachers to a class. Mrs Rodger will be taking maternity leave from April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 and Mrs Andrews will be returning to work April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. A request for Mrs Bowden to remain as Area Cover teacher has been submitted.

**2018/19 school roll:** 22 P1 pupils were enrolled over the past two weeks. There will also be two pupils enrolling in April. This will put the roll as of August 2018 at 93, meaning four classes.

This will mean that two teachers will be compulsorily transferred and these would be Mrs Davidson and Mrs MacConnell.

**New Build:** The completion date is currently sometime in May but a definite date has not been given as yet.

Tile project: Materials have been ordered and Chad and Virginia will be working with the nursery class on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and the primary classes w/b 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Site visit: This was postponed due to the weather

**I.P update:**

Maths: Staff continue to use the Tom Renwick and Numicon resources. Mrs Baillie is implementing the Catch Up maths programme with designated pupils

DYWF continues with nursery and Primary classes. Primary classes will be working on a L.C project compiling a directory of employment in the area.

Creativity: The three L.C nurseries are working together to compile creativity home:school bags. They have also completed an Education Scotland audit and as a result will be focussing on higher order questioning in the nursery setting.

**Literacy:** Mrs Kilgallon is assessing children using the PM Benchmarking to ensure that they are on the correct reading band. She is also working with designated pupils on the Catch Up Literacy programme

Raising attainment PEF funding: Mrs McKillop is released from class each week for three hours. She is supporting designated pupils with aspects of maths and numeracy

There is a working party producing literacy mats to support writing

Sun dial: currently there is £1,450 in the fund towards the sun dial. The total to be raised is in the region of £3000. Grants are being applied for and so far £750 has been raised. Mrs Harvie presented an application to the Community Council on our behalf and they have contributed £500. Mr and Mrs Harvie have contributed £250 in recognition of Mrs Struther's contribution to their children's education and scouting experiences. We are very grateful for this support.

We will also be having a time capsule under the sun dial and will be looking for suggestions for items to place in it.

4. Treasurers Report

- The balance at time of meeting was £1, 645. 06
- Alex added that the cost of the tile project would come out of parent council funds, but will be replaced when grant funding arrives. Parent council agreed.

5. Date for the Race Night

The proposed dates for this night are – 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> March. Date to be confirmed.

6. Grant Application for ASC

The committee discussed grant application process to raise funds for an official re -launch of the ASC. Ideas put forward were for the blow up obstacle course and climbing wall as well as the archery equipment used for scouting. Ailsa would locate the details for the company previously used.

The proposed date for this was 21<sup>st</sup> June to tie in with the sundial unveiling day.

There will also be a Grant application and fundraising meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the Tinto Hotel.

7. Education Bill Consultation

Alex Stark introduced this to the committee.

(More information can be found here - <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/9712>)

The parent council were invited to share their feedback on the proposals and submit as the parent voice from our school.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

