

## Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- **Present**

Lorna Christie, Diane Laing, Alex Stark, Lorna Kilgallon, Moira Struthers, Iain McLeod, Pamela Duncan, Al Reid

- **Apologies**

Caroline Johnson, Dawn Turner, Rory Conn

- **Minutes of last meeting**

Discussed and agreed

- **Matters Arising**

Nothing to discuss

- **Newsletter** – two parents suggested sending the newsletter out by e-mail. It was agreed Alex would send out an e-mail with a link to the newsletter.

- **Head Teachers Report**

- Tile installation – Chad and Virginia will do the installation. We will apply for a grant, the application needs to come from the Parent Council, meetings should take place outside school hours, and there is no guarantee we will get the grant. Lorna Christie will complete the application.
- Floor samples – discussed interior design of school; dolphin & purple proposed colour scheme, “cloud” for the classroom lining; “innocence” and “vibrance” for the splashback in toilets and doors. Children will be able to vote for the colour scheme in their toilets. Suggested bright colours in the cloakroom recesses.
- Names for new classrooms and inspirational quotes – put this out to parents, some suggestions on the night, local hills and Scottish inventors
- Nursery – a concern from the recent care Inspectorate report was the flow of adults through the nursery, this became an issue because of the new entrance during the building of the new school. Consideration will be given to how this can be resolved.
- Maths – Tinto will continue with work to improve performance. Evaluation forms will be distributed on the back of the Teachers report. Tinto to work with Carnwath and Biggar as a Learning Community Priority with the local management team to support the discussion.
- Literacy also needs to be a focus, ensure it is research-led, across Early, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels – plan and moderate together and purchase full DVD set

- **Residentials** – let Primary 5 parents know that standard Youth Hostel payment terms are two weeks ahead of arrival (deposit £100)
- **Science Museum** outing cancelled – Alex stark to let parents know
- **Transition dates** – nursery class 17<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June – step up days across the school
- **Sports Day** (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June), suggestion to split school in two sessions
  - Infants P1-P3 (Morning)
  - P4-P7 (Afternoon)
  - But parents can't bring cars; safety issues with children moving around the car park area
- **Step-Up Day** on 14<sup>th</sup> June – teachers remain in current class for 2017/18 year
- **Treasurers Report** (attached) – call out recognition of top easyfundraiser fund raiser
- **Fundraisers**
  - Nursery sports Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Village Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> June
  - Sainsbury's supplying 200 rolls for hot-dog stand, B&M not yet confirmed, option to use Lidl's
  - Diane to investigate local supermarket savings schemes
  - New 2-ring electric hob purchased
  - Tombola available on Village Day
  - Appeal for helpers on the days
  - Shorts & Shades 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday; 4.30-6pm for the little ones, 7-9pm for the disco
- **AOCB**
  - Someone to cover Treasurers role (Iain stepping down)
    - Lisa shanks will continue to audit
    - Appeal at the AGM and in the Newsletter for applicants
  - Hygiene – Lorna will follow-up on new cleaning schedule

