

Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 14th March 2017

- **Present**

Lorna Christie, Rory Conn, Pamela Duncan, Diane Laing, Alex Stark, Lorna Kilgallon, Moira Struthers, Dawn Turner

- **Apologies**

Ailsa Forgie, Ian McLeod

- **Minutes of last meeting**

Discussed and agreed

- **Matters Arising**

Nothing to discuss

- **Website layout and calendar**

- Dawn Turner discussed that the school twitter feed mainly had 30 businesses and only 7-8 parents, most parents used Facebook. It was discussed and agreed to shut down the twitter feed and continue to communicate via Facebook and the website.
- Dawn agreed to check the quick links in the website as it was highlighted that some were not working.
- PC meeting dates have to be added to website.

- **Head Teacher's Report**

- See report
- New Build – Dawn Turner asked what type of render would be on the new school as the render on Carmichael school was already mouldy. Ms Stark thought it would be a brick finish to fit in with the surrounding houses but she would check this out and confirm.
- Pupil Equity Funding – Lorna Christie and Diane Laing asked if teaching music/ musical instruments e.g. recorder could be provided. With regards to the pupil equity fund, Ms Stark said that music is a difficult area to measure and evidence for achievement and attainment. Tinto covers the basic requirements for teaching music; however, this could be looked into for After School Clubs once back in the new school.

There was discussion about the email sent to parents on March 1st regarding free school meal entitlements and the implications free school meals for P1-P3 are having on applications. It was suggested that this email could be copied on to Facebook to inform parents of the criteria that entitles their child to free school meals. In addition this could be a standing item in the newsletter, offering support to assist with applications for free school meals and uniform grants.

- Internet Safety – Ms Stark added that she has emailed Laura Kinsman regarding a workshop. Leaflets will be available at Parent’s Night and there are links to COP videos on Facebook.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Lorna Christie discussed the report in Ian’s absence.

Balance from previous meeting - £1541.56

Income - £0

Expenditure - £25.45 on ipad cases

Still to process - £167.99 for Buzz maths books

- **Fundraisers Report**

Diane Laing discussed the report. Everything is in place for the Race Night on the 24th March.

- Possible dates (16th/17th September) were discussed for a Treasure Hunt and BBQ. Diane will confirm once hall booked.
- Village Day – following problems with the electric hob last year, Diane asked if a new hob could be purchased. This was agreed.
- Possible dates (22nd or 15th June) were discussed for the Shorts n shades parties. Diane will confirm once hall and DJ booked.

- **Ipad mini case (nursery)**

It was agreed this could be purchased for the nursery.

- **AOCB**

Scottish Parent Teacher Council – Following on from the discussion at the previous meeting as to the possibility of joining. Lorna Christie discussed that this would offer more comprehensive insurance than that offered by SLC, which only covers public liability. Scottish Parent Teacher Council offers insurance for up to 5 after school clubs, plus further benefits including 2 free training workshops by a regional advisor.

Annual fee would be £115, with a discounted price being offered at £75 since we would be joining half way through the year. It was discussed and agreed to start a full year’s membership in August.

- **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th May**