

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 7th November 2017

Present - Lorna Christie
 Alex Stark
 Lorna Kilgallon
 Iain McLeod
 Dawn Turner
 Sarah Cook

Apologies - Diane Laing
 Ailsa Forgie

1. Minutes from last meeting were agreed
2. Matters Arising
 - Due to parent commitments, we have made some changes to our Parent Council dates.

23rd January – now **Wednesday 24th January**

13th March – now **Wednesday 14th March**

15th May – stay same

12th June – now **Thursday 14th June**

- **Parent Council Conference**

Lorna has emailed the Parent Council for anyone who would like to join her with the “Your Voice as a Parent Counts – Family Learning” at Headquarters on Thursday 16th November. Anyone interested should contact Lorna.

3. Head Teacher Report

Twilight walk – Thank you to the Parent Council and Tinto Fundraisers for their contributions for the event and helping to make it a huge success! At time of print we have raised a total of £8,355.89.

Halloween Disco – Thanks to Fundraisers for organising these events.

Staffing – Welcome to Mrs Bowden in P5/6 who is covering Mrs Andrews, and to Miss Jenkins who will be working in the nursery two mornings as well as P1/2 and P2/3 for CCC on a Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mrs Rodger who is expecting a baby in May.

P.E.F. – This money is mainly being spent on staffing to release Mrs McKillop (previously Mrs Andrews) to support identified children with maths and Mrs Kilgallon with Literacy. This money has also been used to train Mrs Kilgallon and Mrs Baillie in Catch Up Literacy. We

have recently used the money to buy Little Linguist pens to support EAL pupils as well as the teaching of French across all classes.

New Build – Staff had a tour of the building at the beginning of October. Meetings have taken place with the interior designer and our Pupil Council to discuss quotes and graphics.

I.P. - The nursery I.P. is progressing well. The EYW are working on creativity in the nursery setting and possible home – school links. The team leaders and N.T. are working on literacy and numeracy bags to take home.

Biggar, Carnwath and Tinto have been working on ways to support pupils with their writing. We have been developing literacy mats to support all genres and to allow pupils to evaluate and self-check their work.

All classes continue to use maths strategies/ numicon developed last term.

The Learning Community are working together to develop a directory listing all the careers/ jobs that exist in the L.C. which we can then use when planning DYWF/ Enterprise projects in the future.

Staff are continuing to work on moderating planners and assessments together, on familiarisation of the SLC tracking formats and with the SNSA national assessments

Lunches – The new winter menu is not very successful with pupils- in particular with P1 – 3. There is a lot of waste, particularly with the combo meal.

4. Treasurer's Report

The balance at time of meeting was £2, 109.90

Alex will discuss what resources/ equipment we would like to purchase with the money.

5. Easy Fundraisers

Reminder to all parents to use our link for the Easy Fundraiser when buying anything from Amazon!

6. Alex Stark introduced the Empowering Schools: A consultation on the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill. This has been sent out to all schools for consultation with parents. The link will be sent to all families, and this will form part of the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 24th January