

## Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### ➤ **Present**

Lorna Christie    Fiona Lyon

Alex Stark        Lorna Kilgallon        Moira Struthers        Rory Conn

Ian McLeod      Alasdair Reid        Ailsa Forgie            Caroline Johnstone

Diane Laing

### ➤ **Apologies**

Hamish Stewart        Alexa Minnie

### ➤ **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Discussed and agreed

### ➤ **Matters Arising**

Nothing to discuss

### ➤ **Date for Race Night**

Diane discussed possible dates – 17/ 24 March. Date to be confirmed.

### ➤ **Head Teacher's Report**

- See report
- New Build – Building is due to commence 23/01/17

Move in date is under discussion, but aiming for January 2018

- Active Schools Coordinator Leah Wilson was in school. Leah has to produce a report for Education Scotland which tracks uptake of activities provided by Active Schools. Because of the school being decanted to Ridgepark, the statistics for Tinto have dramatically fallen. Leah has suggested there could be lunchtime clubs for the children led by some of the local area coaches. However, there would be an approximate £10 charge per session. It was discussed and agreed by Ailsa Forgie that this would be provided by the ASC.
- Homework Survey – Mrs Struthers discussed the recent survey results. 48 families replied and Parent Council members had a look through the results of the survey. It was discussed that we should continue to keep homework going as it is just now, as most parents view it as the link between what goes on at school and ways in which parents could get involved or support their child at home.  
There was discussion about the amount of homework P7 currently get, and the whether it should be increased in the summer term in preparation for transition to high school. Alex Stark discussed the issue of Time Management as opposed to the volume of work, and would take this forward with Ms McKillop at the planning meeting.
- Book Banding – Mrs Kilgallon introduced book banding to the group. This is a system currently being introduced in the school where each book has its own colour. Each colour has indicators that the reader should be able to do, and will be assessed to move through

the colours and bands. An information leaflet about the process was shown to the Council for discussion with a view of it being shared across all families. There were also photographs of the progress the school is making in terms of the actual book banding of resources currently in the school. Mrs Kilgallon thanked Lorna Christie and Caroline Johnstone for their ongoing help and support with the progress.

- Treasurer's Report - Ian McLeod discussed the report. There was a good income from the Easy Fundraising page. Parents will be reminded about the link via Tinto Facebook page.
  
- Fundraiser Report – Diane Laing discussed the report. There was profit made at the Halloween disco this year.
  
- AOCB –
  - SPTC - Lorna Christie discussed the possibility of joining the Scottish Parent Teacher Council. Alex Stark agreed that it may be of use, and Lorna Christie will cost and bring to next meeting.
  - Parent Zone – Lorna Christie discussed the value of this website. Parents will be reminded of the website via Tinto Facebook page, and Ailsa will check link on school webpage.
  - Online Safety – Diane Laing asked whether there would be another Online Safety talk organised this year. This was because of the recent publicity of incidents involving games such as “Musical.ly” Alex to find out if Lorna Kinsman is still available to deliver this talk to parents, with the possibility of a Learning Community event again.
  
- Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March