

Tinto Parent Council – Meeting Minutes

Monday 25th March 2019

7pm-9pm

Tinto Primary School

Present: Lorna Christie (Chair Person), Claire Thomson, Debbie White, Diane Laing, Ailsa Forgie, Lorna Kilgallon(PT), Alex Stark(HT), Sarah Cook, Pam Duncan (minutes)

Apologies: Dawn Turner

Minutes of last Meeting: Agreed

Q.I Review: The Parent Council looked at section 2.5 of the Q.I Plan. (Family Learning) and discussed various ideas of how Tinto engages parents and families in their children's learning, and the quality of that learning, such as:

Family Workshops	Homework	Booklets on RSHP	Termly Targets
PS App	20/20	Open Door Policy	Open Afternoons
Purple Portfolios			

The P.C also recognised that there are sometimes barriers to parental engagement/participation and that Tinto worked hard at overcoming these barriers – varying days/times for workshops/open days etc. Feedback is also sought from parents after events/workshops in the form of Google forms, Post-Its and input has been given on the new Behaviour Policy.

Regarding the quality of family learning, the P.C praised Tinto for the overwhelming support shown by staff for fundraiser events both during and out with school hours. It was noted that having Alex Stark welcome the children into school each day, and greet parents helps to foster very positive relationships between staff and pupils, and their families.

P.C also suggested that the Nativity, Christmas Fayre and P4-7 show should be included in encouraging parental engagement.

Grant Applications: C.T – asked where potential grants can be viewed and who can apply. All groups (Tinto Fundraisers, After School Club and Parent Council) can apply for a variety of purposes.

A discussion took place regarding Lottery Funding and the potential uses.

A.S – grant application need completed for Limelight, school garden and ICT.

Community Council may be contacted to request funding to develop roundabout/turning circle area. A discussion took place regarding the works desired for the school garden, to create a “Grounds for Learning” environment with the addition of a pond. Iron work required to make a cover for pond (sourced) Funding required to get more equipment for a Gardening Club for A.S.C.

ICT- funding required to get 3 more Chromebooks to allow for 1 Chromebook per 2 pupils. (Class set) plus 2 more laptops would be desirable.

C.T – mentioned a parent may have contact at C.C, who can advise. Also suggested that ASC could apply for funding for Chromebooks/laptops, as this could be an option for ASC activity offered in the future? A discussion took place regarding cameras for class use, new cooker and the microwave! Ideally, a class set of cameras is desirable.

S.C - regarding cameras: suggestion that a photography ASC activity would be supported by Mr Cook.

Limelight – currently offering a 15 week project which could be condensed into 12 weeks – “The Din in a Bin!” A good project which could be used throughout the whole school. L.K discussed timescales, and best times to suit throughout school terms.

L.C – no contact fromVASLan

L.K – GOOD NEWS!! Successful in bid to be one of the choices for TESCO Blue Tokens Bags of Help Scheme!! This is to secure funding for new sport kit and equipment. The public will be able to use their tokens to vote for Tinto throughout May/June at TESCO Lanark. P.C delighted!!

Improvement Plan : A.S – no update really! All staff attended the recent number workshop. H.W.B part of Nursery Improvement plan, and time will be spent finishing off work from the year, and next year will be consolidation, not new work.

Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of 22nd March 2019 - £552.78

£50.10 Easyfundraising, £82.35 from school show. £60 expenditure for Timpsons engraving.

Tinto Fundraisers Update : Bingo Night a huge success!! £363.75 raised!! P.C commented how enjoyable the night was. A discussion took place about the pupils perhaps making their own rhymes for bingo call-outs for next time! D.L also discussed which options are more likely to be supported by families? Race Nights? Bingo Nights? D.L – plan to have a walking Treasure Hunt round Symington on Sunday 23rd June. Next events, P7 Leavers afternoon, and Shorts and Shades Disco.

Head Teacher’s Report – to include Staffing and Behaviour Policy:

A.S handed out report to P.C – A discussion took place regarding changes in staffing. Mrs MacConnell on Mat Leave, Mrs Bowden to take P1 for remainder of school year. Mrs Rodger returning from Mat Leave to take on Mrs Bowden’s remit of Nursery and CCC. Mrs Shillan to join Nursery as an EYW in the Summer term. No update re: Mrs McKillop’s secondment, therefore staffing update for Aug 2019 not possible.

Nursery – A discussion took place re: changes to operations in N.C next year. A.S hopeful that clarification will be available at next P.C meeting. Care Inspectorate to visit N.C in summer term.

Classes – School roll looking to be 80 for next term, although there have been a couple of enquiries regarding spaces.

AOCB : A.F requested that any pieces for school newsletter required to be in by Thursday 28th

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 13th May 2019