

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes 16 January 2017

### Introductions

Apologies: Orla Irwin, Kerry Courtney, Katie Campbell, Dawn Thomson, Jude Thomson  
Attendees: Mr McIntyre, Charlie Goldsmith, Neil Gibson, Dorothy-Ann Newlands, Andrew Ho, Karen Young, Stuart Lithgow, Leeann Ramsay, Thomas Lynch [chairing]

### Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Confirmed as fine.

#### 2. Update from Head Teacher

See attached.

#### 3. Charity/Theme days

Raised by Thomas – queried how the school pick which charities and ‘themes’ to support, for example Children in Need/World Book Day. Gordon confirmed the decision made in conjunction with the pupil council and currently the focus is on Habitat for Humanity and Mercy Corps. Not just about raising money but raising awareness. The foodbank is also important. Leeann mentioned she is doing fundraising for The Yard and asked if posters could go up in the school, which was agreed.

#### 4. Senior recruitment training

Raised by Thomas on behalf of Dawn. Need more people to complete the training, it’s interesting training, and you get to see how a school recruits/learn more about school. A couple of council members interested but couldn’t make the day – could the day be changed? To be picked up with Dawn. Also agreed to put in next newsletter.

#### 5. Fundraising update, including uniform

Charlie confirmed the net profit from the Christmas Fayre was £3,853, excellent job by Charlie as her first time managing the event. General discussion about uniform left over from the Fayre, decision to be made about what to do with it.

#### 6. Border Embroideries price rise

Raised by Mel – Borders have increased their prices, should the price of uniform go up to cover it? All agreed to not increase prices, uniform cost to stay the same. Mel to speak to Geraldine about leavers ties.

#### 7. PC chairs meet up at Royal High

Thomas for Dawn – email sent out by Dawn with information on the next meet up.

#### 8. PC seating at school shows

Raised by Thomas for Dawn – should key PC members have access to some reserved seating at school shows as a thank you, especially when some PC members take on the organising of large events like the Halloween disco/Christmas Fayre?

General discussion – it has been done before, it is a good way to thank PC members but how do you identify the ‘key’ ones? To be discussed further with Dawn but Gordon confirmed the school did not have any objections to allocating seats.

#### 9. Current financial position

Andrew confirmed:

##### **Money in -**

3393 (Christmas fayre)  
404 (P7 Christmas)  
1476 (Christmas cards)  
23.40 (uniform money)  
73.20 (rag bag)

##### **Money out -**

15 (hire of Munro centre)  
123.20 (uniform invoice)  
1163 (Christmas card invoice)

Current balance – £9458

A healthy amount in the bank but some already allocated for projects/BAU (£6000)

Thomas queried why the school go to the Lyceum every Christmas instead of the panto? Has been that way for many years. Generally agreed that the Lyceum was a good idea as many kids do go to panto with parents/family so it’s a different experience.

Upgraded playground design – money allocated but but agreement and permission from the City of Edinburgh Council is still on hold.

Gordon confirmed there had been a fire in the willow structure, which will be fixed ASAP.

#### 10. AGM

Raised by Thomas for Dawn – AGM to be held in May with the May PC meeting. No June PC meeting required.

#### 11. AOB

- Dorothy-Ann raised the issue of getting to the meetings for 6.30pm proving tricky and queried whether it was for other people? All agreed to meet at 6.45pm next time.

- Charlie asked what the P1 intake for next year might be. Gordon – currently the numbers were indicating that there would be 3 x P1s and the current P1 composite would become a P2/3 composite so no requirement for a P1/2 composite in August 2017. Gordon stressed this could change if numbers change.

- Charity fundraising night. Neil looked into this, a contact at the Mumbai Mansion said we could use the restaurant for a buffet and charge £10 a ticket as a potential venue for a fundraising night
- Parent Pay. Gordon confirmed this will be coming in February, more information to follow.
- Choir. Thomas still looking into using graduate students to help with the choir, potentially could help to host workshops for kids on the waiting list, rather than start a new choir. Still looking into it
- Safer internet day – 7 February. Could potentially be a talk around this, to be confirmed.