

Parent Council Meeting Minutes 27 March 2017

Introductions

Apologies: Rachel Liddle, Karen Keil

Attendees: Mr McIntyre, Charlie Goldsmith, Neil Gibson, Dorothy-Ann Newlands, Andrew Ho, Karen Young, Leeann Ramsay, Thomas Lynch, Dawn Thomson, Melanie Ruxton, Katie Campbell, Orla Irwin, Emma McLoughlin, Leeann Ramsay, Anne Scott, Karen Taylor

Minutes

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Confirmed as fine.

2. Update from Head Teacher

- a. Management and staffing. Mrs Nielsen taking over P1/2 from Mr Donald Stewart as he starts his paternity leave.
- b. Big Maths underway – very popular with pupils.
- c. Oliver – really successful show, thanks to those taking part and teachers.
- d. Building updates. All classes have brand new tables and chairs now, completed over 3 years. Some snagging completed in the new build, fire door sticking still to be looked at. Whole roof surveyed in November, improvements will be wrapped up as part of a wider Edinburgh council improvement ‘Capital Program.’
- e. Junior road safety officers out again, well done to them. 21 bike lights given out as part of the raffle. One a term planned.

3. Website updates and noticeboard freshen up.

General discussion about website, updates, keeping it ‘fresh’. Does get updated but news blogs no longer there. A parent could potentially help out. Pupil council keen for Twitter feed, being looked into. Parent Council meeting minutes to go back up on website, Karen to cc Mrs Henderson in when they are being sent to the PC.

Noticeboards need spruced up – Leeann agreed to take on noticeboards. PC info – names etc, should go up for start of next term, potentially with pictures.

4. Litter in school

Litter in playgrounds makes school look untidy. Gordon – school does have pupil litter pickers who are enthusiastic but not been out for a while. General discussion about bin requirements, need to fit recycling directive. Gordon to reinstate litter pickers. Suggested early next term for new bins being ordered/in place.

5. Lagganlia kit list

Could info go out earlier? Gordon confirmed not a problem to do this. Suggested info could even go out in P5 due to cost. ParentPay can be used for trips (coming early next term).

6. Bullying and behaviour in and around school.

Mel and Katie witnessed an incident and queried school bullying policy. Gordon confirmed every class has a class charter and the school is a rights respecting school with an anti-bullying policy. Long discussion about how to deal with bullying.

7. Fundraising update, including uniform

Commission from uniform - £603.27 (paid in March for Jan – August 2016). P1 accounted for more than half of it.

8. Current financial position

Andrew confirmed:

Money in -

345 (School uniform voucher)

Money out –

£20.50 (Uniform invoice paid)

Current balance – £9,783 (with £6,700 set aside/allocated)

Summer Fayre. Discussion around summer fayre, won't take place without volunteer to organise. Katie to write advert for volunteer and circulate before Easter holidays.

9. Daily Mile

P4a running a daily mile, Orla asked if more classes could start to do it? Gordon confirmed he was ok with this and it could maybe be incorporated as part of P.E.

10. Walking bus

Idea is that a bunch of kids meet up at a given point and walk to school together with a parent supervising – taking turns with other parents. Steering group to look into the feasibility of this, group to be Charlie, Dawn, Emma, Thomas and Neil.

11. P7 homework

Covered in a separate meeting

12. AOB

- Katie to organise welcome committee again for the start of the August 2017 term
- Mel asked when the P7 leavers info is coming out? Gordon to check
- Is the tuckshop selling juice contravening the schools water only policy?
- Karen unable to do minutes of next meeting. Anne volunteered to take them