



Parent Council

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2018

Present: Laurianne Sellar, Colleen MacIntosh, Claire McGruer, Louise Moir, Judith Whitelaw, Hazel Stewart, Mary Macleod, David Hodgson,

Apologies: Sara Simpson, Gillian Palmer, Laura Rennie

In Attendance: Tracey Fraser-Lee, Head Teacher, Sharan Brindle, Teacher Rep

2.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes approved of the Parent Council Meeting held on 06th November 2017. Hazel Stewart & Judith Whitelaw</p>	
3	<p><u>Actions / Matters Arising from Previous meeting</u></p> <p>Lagganlia Parent council contribution towards cost. Approximate cost will be £305 per child PC to contribute c.£55 per child</p> <p>New School The Councils capital programme has had total funds confirmed No news on whether this means Beaully School will be progressed</p> <p>School Website (ward funding) Migration to the new website is complete work has been invoiced Mike Leslie is to be commissioned for training days for both Staff and Children. This is ongoing with p6 and PSAs being trained in the coming week</p>	
4	<p><u>Head Teacher Report</u></p> <p>- See below</p>	
5	<p>School Garden Lunchtime garden sessions stopped in November Sants's Grotto was a success raising £40.45 Are looking to raise funds for a Poly Tunnel potential sources of funding are being sought. Targeting ward funding. A Parents open day will be held in spring to involve parents in preparing the garden.</p>	

7	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u> current Balance - £3855 of which £783 is from ward funding ring-fenced for website c£600 is set in standing orders for hosting an d maintenance £300 has been agreed to fund Glasgow Science Centre Visit £100 has been agreed for the Garden</p>	
8	<p><u>Fundraising</u> Funding has been sought from Sir Duncan Michael fund This would enable a whole school show</p> <p>Beauly's got talent – booked for 27th April The Phipp's hall is booked Thursday am and Friday pm for practice PC to run Teas and Coffees and raffle</p> <p>Summer Fete date set Thursday 21st June Help has been requested for setting up and de-rigging marquee PC to run raffle Slush and popcorn machine will be manned</p>	Louise / Gillian
9.	<p><u>AOB</u> P4-7 Cross country 6th march parent helpers are required</p> <p>PC fund pantomime trip every other year. It is suggested that a cinema night might suit for the alternate years.</p>	
10.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</u> Monday 14th May 2018 – 7.00pm</p>	

4. Head Teacher Report

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Website

- Up and running
- Some blogging
- Mike in on Wednesday to train PSA & some P6 pupils so they can blog for the less confident teachers

SIP

- Literacy – developing frameworks
- Bought in lots of new reading resources as a result of feedback from pupils, parents and teachers
- Variety of fiction and non-fiction, different genres – Collins but also supplemented ORT
- Organising resources at moment

Governance Review/Budget cut backs

- Changes – letter
- Cuts in ASN & PSA allocation
- Impact of changes

BGT

- Format
- Hall booking
- Teas and coffees/ raffle

Other

- Lagganlia – money per head?
- Wildlife garden...
- Summer fete
- Uniform
- Leavers hoodies
- New school?!
- Internet Safety talk May - NSPCC
- Staffing - PSA Mrs. Macritchie Cleaner
- Science Week - Glasgow S.C.

4. Governance Review / budgets cut backs

To Parent Councils

We wrote to Parent Council Chairs in December, setting out the Council's views about the Scottish Government's proposals for new legislation to make changes to the management and governance of Scottish education.

The Council shares the Government's commitment to improve the education and life chances of children and young people through empowering Headteachers, providing enhanced support to teachers, and through greater collaboration.

However, the Council has major concerns about the Government's "one size fits all" approach and:

- the lack of detail on resourcing such an ambitious set of proposals, which is especially concerning at this time of increasing restraint and reducing budgets;
- the centralisation of key functions and loss of local democratically elected checks and balances in the system;
- the tensions that will be created between different parts of the education system;
- the fragmentation of schools and education from other services for children;
- the loss of locally based support for schools, and the loss of local contact for communities on many aspects of education.

The Council will be considering its formal response at the People Committee on 25 January. This report (Agenda Item 14) is available on the Council website: https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3924/people_committee

As we said in December, the Council urges staff, parent councils and parents to take part in the consultation. Accordingly, we will be writing open letters to both teachers and parents, to help make sure that they know about these proposals, and encouraging them to respond.

We would therefore be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of your Parent Council. It is important that the Parent Voice is heard in these discussions.

Responses can be made on the Scottish Government website, at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00527374.docx>



Councillor Alasdair Christie
Depute Leader of the Council



Councillor Andrew Baxter
Chair of People Committee