



Parent Council

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting  
held on Monday 20th September 2018**

**Present:** Judith Whitelaw, Louise Moir, Sara Simpson, Laurianne Sellar, Sharan Brindle, Jane Campbell, David Hodgson

**Apologies:** Claire McGruer, Lynsay Boyle,

**In Attendance:** Tracey Fraser-Lee, Head Teacher

1.	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes approved of the Parent Council Meeting held on 15th May 2018. Judith Whitelaw, Laurianne Sellar</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Election of Office Bears</u></b></p> <p>No nomination received for Chair The council will proceed with a rolling chair – Participation is encouraged Treasurer – Louise Moir Secretary – David Hodgson</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Actions / Matters Arising from Previous meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>New School</b> Head Teacher has met with Highland Council representatives to discuss funding situation for New School. There are currently no funds but another round of funding may be upcoming. In the meantime there is funding to support the provision of additional nursery places. It is proposed that this be facilitated through the re-design of the proposed new school to be implemented in phases, with phase 1 being the development of nursery and potentially dining hall facilities on the new school site.</p> <p>It has been suggested that pupils approach Ian Blackford for assistance in raising the profile of the issue</p> <p><b>School Garden</b> Has been in great condition, with good crops. Now winding down for winter</p>	

	<p><b>School Website (ward funding)</b> Funds have now been fully allocated. And will be tracked as maintenance and support money goes out regularly.</p> <p>Parent Council have been asked to nominate someone to take responsibility for their page on the website</p> <p><b>Uniform</b> In the past Parent Council have looking in to the bulk purchase of uniform in an effort to make savings for parents and funds for the school</p> <p>Uniform would be purchased for £10 and sold for c.£12 meaning for the effort involved there would be little benefit to parents or school</p>	DH to contact Mike
4.	<p><b>Head Teacher Report</b> - See below</p>	
5.	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b> Current Balance - £4453.27 18 Children This year – PC will pay £50 per head c£900</p>	
6.	<p><b>Fundraising</b> Porridge – Auditions 4<sup>th</sup> October – Acting coach coming to school to talk to children – Whole school to be involved making costumes / scenery / song – Approach Gala committee for assistance printing programmes – P7 to run Raffle for Lagganlia trip</p> <p>Christmas wrap a present to be run on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12:00 Christmas cards – The children will design cards – Cards / Tea towels / Mugs for sale</p> <p>Bingo Night – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Hall to be booked 18:00-21:00 – Isobel to source machine</p>	
7.	<p><b>AOB</b> Safer routes to school David Taylor of the Community Council is working with JRSO group Producing a brochure and will arrange to repaint signs around the village P7 Hoodies are normally arranged for the last term P7 are very excited and Head agreed to look into getting them earlier possibly for the end of the year</p>	
8.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</b> Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 7.00pm</p>	

## 4. Head Teacher Report

### Parent Council – head teacher Report – Sept 2018

- **School Improvement Plan**
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Active Play sessions are ongoing for p2 – p6,
    - with parent Workshop planned for 11<sup>th</sup> October 3:45-5:15pm
  - School will continue to do the daily ten.
    - Effort to tackle fitness, obesity and mental health
  - Developing Health and Wellbeing within the school curriculum
  - P7 are developing a playground rule sheet to continue the promotion of positive behaviour
  - Awareness of SHANARRI indicators is being promoted through the school
    - <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/wellbeing>
    - Classes have completed worksheets and there has been focus in assemblies
  - A breakout space is being developed in the flatroof building to help tackle self esteem issues. It is hoped to create a nurturing space for pupils to work in and talk with Head teacher.
  - It is also hoped to build up a Parenting Library to support parents
  - Cooking facilities have been added to encourage class group participation in cooking
  
  - Reporting and Profiling
  - Highland Council policy is to move to continual profiling and reporting as opposed to end of year reports
  - The development of pupil profiles started last session will continue.
  - The aim is to have three key assessments each term with ongoing feedback throughout the year.
  - Moderation will occur across the ASG
  - Time will be built in to share profiles with parents throughout the year
  - School will move towards different reports at the end of the session.
  - Within the nursery profiles will focus on questions such as:
    - Who are you? What do you like? and reflections on achievements.
  
  - Developing the young workforce
  - Last session P7 worked on making links with local business
  - This session will look at skills required for life, learning and work.
  - The work will cover the whole school from nursery to P7
  - The focus will be on making sustainable links with local businesses
  - Effort will be made to find out about all careers/jobs as well as addressing gender issues.
  - There will be a Developing the young Workforce week in may 2019
    - P7 event at Charleston for all ASG
    - Parents will be asked to talk about their jobs and the skills required
    - Possible a career themed Dress up day.

- Feedback from questionnaire last session
- Feedback from parents was very positive
- Many points focused on
  - the sharing of information about children's work
  - the understanding of the Curriculum for Excellence
  - Communication about School life
- In response there will be a Sharing of maths strategies in classes and of pupil profiles on 30<sup>th</sup> November
- It's hoped that ongoing profiling work will also increase parents awareness of their child's learning
  
- Homework
- Through discussion with staff and as part of the ongoing school improvement, it has become apparent that the homework policy needs to be reassessed to ensure that the whole school follow a progressive approach.
- To that end a questionnaire has been devised to gather the views of parents, pupils and staff. This will be circulated to parents at parents Evening.
  
- Website
- Parent Council page on website needs to be updated
- Log in can be arranged so that latest minutes can be uploaded.