



Parent Council

**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting
held on Monday 6th February 2017**

Present: Colleen MacIntosh, Hazel Stewart, Isobel Crawford, Claire McGruer, Louise McIntosh, Judith Whitelaw, Gillian Palmer, Sara Simpson, David Hodgson, Provost Helen Carmichael, Jane Campbell, Carrie Rennie, Laura Rennie, Catherine Rait

Apologies: Laurianne Sellar

In Attendance: Tracey Fraser-Lee, Head Teacher

1.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>Apologies for the lack of minutes from the last meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Updates on outstanding issues from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim Track. The opening of the trim track has been delayed. A number of pieces have not been supplied and it is anticipated that the delay will be of a few weeks. • P7 Lagganlia Trip 23 children will be taking part in the trip in September Forms have gone out to parents advertising a cost of £200 per child The parent council will fund approximately £70 per child in line with last year The School will cover the cost of transport and any balance • New School The proposed new school remains on the Councils capital programme The councils resources committee have reviewed their capital programmes and the current proposed completion date is August 2020 • Changes to School Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changes to both the start and finish times of school and the proposed closure of the school on Friday afternoons were discussed. ○ As yet the teaching staff are not in agreement regarding proposed changes to the school timetable in an effort to achieve a single time finish of 3:30pm. ○ Their concerns include 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ longer days for the infants ▪ An additional afternoon break causing short periods of non-contact time which is of limited use to teachers ○ The Friday afternoon closure has more support from the teachers ○ It has been suggested that the loss in class time could be made up by reducing the length of lunch breaks which has worked well in other schools. ○ The Friday afternoon closure is not compulsory and whilst supported by the Council the school are not being pressured to adopt the change. ○ Tracey will look into the options for moving forward. If the changes are proposed to parents then approval from 80% of parents responding to the proposals will be required for the changes to be implemented. • School garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers have been found to open the garden some lunchtimes ○ A garden group has been set up within the school • After School Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday – Multi-sports –Active schools are trying to arrange for the programme to be re-established ○ Wednesday - Ready Steady Go has restarted in the Phipps Hall ○ Thursday - Karate ○ Friday - Basket ball <p>There was some discussion of arranging for a music based activity with various possible providers suggested, but funding was seen as an issue. It was suggested that Alan Graham of Stratherrick school might know of an appropriate funding source having secured sessions for his school</p>	TFL to approach
3.	<p><u>HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Macritchie is expecting and hopes to work until end of May. • Carol Miller will be retiring at Easter • Staffing have been contacted in search of supply cover. <p>General School Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship groups are being set up with each member of staff taking responsibility for developing one. The groups will, initially meet once a month starting from the 6th March. • This year there will be a whole school Easter egg hunt rather than the pupils being given big chocolate eggs. • Discussion of the four and a half day week is covered above. • There is a desire to rebuild the School website to allow for more regular updates and changes to content, to be made by staff and pupils. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A quote for the refresh has been given by Michael Leslie • Assemblies – The School is no longer using Creating Confident Kids. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New topics covered have included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best Beaully Bairns 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing Success ▪ A visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind ▪ A visit from the Police ○ Planned Assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graeme Paterson gospel on the go ▪ The Police have been approached to speak to older pupils about online safety <p>Buildings & Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ramp is planned for access to the flat roof building • The boys toilets are to be altered to allow for wheelchair access <p>Future Dates/Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim track opening – fundraisers have been invited along with Kenneth Morris and Janine Webb – New date to be confirmed NB now confirmed as 24thFeb • World book day 2nd March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The children are invited to dress up. ○ Parents are invited to come in and read stories ○ There will be in class activities and prizes for P1-3 and P4-7 • Red nose day 24th March • Fair trade café 3rd March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be opened to parents and the whole school in the afternoon ○ Children can be signed out • An Easter service is planned with dates to be confirmed 	
4.	<p><u>QUALITY INDICATOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT</u></p> <p>The parent council were asked to help evaluate the schools performance against a number of quality indicators in an effort to assess 'How good is our school?'</p> <p>In this meeting we looked at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development and promotion of partnerships, • Collaborative learning and improvement • Impact on learners 	
5.	<p><u>NEWSLETTERS & SHARING INFORMATION</u></p> <p>Access to the electronic newsletter was discussed.</p> <p>Consent is required before an email address can be added to the distribution list</p> <p>Before the decision was made to stop production of the paper newsletter parents were asked for their agreement.</p> <p>As not all parents/guardians are receiving the newsletter it has been suggested that the consent be sought again.</p> <p>The success of the electronic newsletter to be evaluated once responses have been received</p>	DEH to prepare note
6.	<p><u>SCHOOL WEBSITE</u></p> <p>The Parent Council agree with the head teachers report with regard to the need for a redevelopment of the school website.</p> <p>Helen Carmichael made the council aware of a ward discretionary fund. This is to be awarded at a public selection event to be held on Saturday 18th Feb</p> <p>The parent council will make an application and Tracey will ask the School House captains to help with the justification to be made on the day.</p>	JC/HS/DEH TFL

7.	<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Current balance is £2645.83</p> <p>Of which a significant amount is committed to the P7 trip to Lagganlia Additional funds will be needed to meet the councils goal of bi-annual trips for the whole school to the pantomime</p>	
8.	<p><u>FUNDRAISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaully Has Got talent – Friday 5th May circa 6-7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practice and preparations will be made during school lunch times ○ This will be a ticket event with funds raised going to the school fund. • Summer fete – Thursday 22nd June circa 1:30 -3 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be on Thursday to allow for the set up and removal of the tent ○ Gillian will look into getting some inflatables ○ It is suggested that each school house will run a stall ○ Alongside raffle and tea and cake to be arranged by parent council • Steven Davies of Culloden house hotel has offered to sponsor something that will be of benefit to every child in the school. But will need notice in order to secure funds 	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p>	
10.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</u> Monday 03rd April 2017 – 7.00pm</p>	