



Parent Council

### Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017

**Present:** Colleen MacIntosh, Hazel Stewart, Claire McGruer, Judith Whitelaw, David Hodgson, Lizzy MacClean

**Apologies:** Sara Simpson, Catherine Rait, Gillian Palmer, Laura Rennie, Laurianne Sellar, Isobel Crawford

**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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Hazel Stewart &amp; Judith Whitelaw</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Ward Funding</u></b></p> <p>The School was successful in securing £1,475.00 of funding from the Aird and Ness ward discretionary fund. The money is to be put towards the design, build and maintenance of a new website. Thanks are offered to all those involved.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Four and a half day week</u></b></p> <p>The head informed the PC that Highland council are advising there is not a requirement for Parent or Staff bodies to vote on changes to School hours and that the decision can be made at the Head teachers discretion.</p> <p>The expectation is that Primary Schools will follow the hours adopted by Secondary School The head has decided to adopt the new hours from August.</p> <p>P1/3 09:00 – 15:05 Monday to Thursday 09: 00 – 12:05 Friday</p> <p>P4/7 09:00 – 15:30 Monday to Thursday 09: 00 – 12:15 Friday</p> <p>Letter regarding changes will be sent out as soon as possible to allow parents to make arrangements.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p><b><u>HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Web site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Leslie has offered to renew the web site for</li> <li>• £249 with £25 / month maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Domain Name / Hosting / 6 hours of support</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Training for staff and pupils to be charged at £25/hour</li> <li>• Additional Cameras and Tablets to be acquired for use with web site</li> </ul> <p>Communications with Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a good response to the request for electronic communication</li> <li>• Only 14 copies of the newsletter are now being sent as paper copy</li> <li>• Head teacher is interested in investigating the use of Facebook for passing on information and sharing pupil achievements</li> <li>• There are concerns about the potential for negative feedback and abuse</li> <li>• There are also concerns that publishing different material in different places will lead to parents not knowing where to look for information and potentially missing news.</li> <li>• It was suggested that if Face book was to be used then a feed be incorporated in the web site.</li> </ul> <p>Pupil Equity Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/Raisingeducationalattainment/pupilequityfund">http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/Raisingeducationalattainment/pupilequityfund</a></li> <li>• The School is looking for feedback on options for using the available funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Breakfast Club to be run by PSA with Canteen support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trial to be run in May starting 08:20 more details to follow</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ A walking bus to assist getting pupils to school</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply cover has been secured for 2weeks of Summer term for P5/6</li> <li>• Maternity post will be advertised at the end of the month</li> </ul> <p>Beualy's got Tallent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 Acts auditioned</li> <li>• 18 were chosen by P7s</li> <li>• P7s have shared out jobs and will be hosting</li> <li>• Judges will be Mrs Miller, 2x P7s and a volunteer from the Parent Council</li> </ul>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b> <b>BGT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tickets to be set at £3:00 per adult £1:00 per child</li> <li>• Donations are needed for tea</li> <li>• Raffle strips are to be sold for £1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tickets are to be bought and donations are needed of prizes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Judith Hazel</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New trophies are to be bought</li> <li>• Decorations are to be printed off Stars and Banners</li> <li>• The hall booking is to be set from 13:00 on Friday to allow for rehearsals and set up.</li> <li>• Assistance is needed to set out chairs and tables for tea</li> </ul> <p>Trim Track. The trim track is now open for use and continues to be very popular. The volume of traffic is generating a great deal of mud There is a need to look into a suitable base either matting or wood chip School to look into any restrictions on putting down such material</p> <p>School trips Parent Council is to fund the school trip to the Panto at Eden Court Thursday 21st Dec, 1:30pm showing Payment due in August Additional fund raising will be needed to replenish funds</p> <p>Cycling Proficiency P7 to start first week back after the Easter break for a six week block P6 to start after summer there will be a rolling programme to get training to other years</p> <p>Garden Men shed have been asked to repair Polly Tunnel 6 volunteers are going through Disclosure checks</p> <p>Summer Fair Date set for 22<sup>nd</sup> June</p>	Colleen
10.	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</u></b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – 7.00pm</p>	