



Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday 01st November 2016

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Alies Bartelds (AB), Frances Swanston (FS), Linsey Stewart (LS), Lyndsay Aspey (LC), Cllr Sheena Lonchay (SL), Nicola McDonald (NM), Alahna Low (AL), Debbie Paton (DP)

Apologies:

Alli McGillivray (AM), Jane Scott (JS), Cllr Patricia Oddie

MINUTES

1. Welcome

DP welcomed everyone to the Chapel of Garioch Parent Council meeting.

2. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Extra point on agenda: Parent council members

3. Treasure's report

Soup and Sweet did make £648.80.
Council PC Funding (£274.05) did finally arrive.
Current Bank balance is £5,401.77 accounting for everything (all cheques are taken off already).

Richard Jones (Football club) asked if the PC could maybe buy some little goals now that there are a lot more younger ones joining the football on a Sunday afternoon. This seems a good idea, but portable goals are preferred. **AB** to get in contact with Richard Jones.

Because the Apple Projector is now working fine, there is no need to fund a new projector. NM requested instead:

- Charger station for ipads
- Potentially Speakers for Apple TV.

4. Head Teacher Report

Till new HT appointed, the school will still be short staffed by a half day per week. Currently NM is covering this in her own time.

Accelerated Reader

Chapel of Garioch School was shortlisted for Top Performing Primary School in Scotland on Accelerated Reader. Miss McDonald attended the awards ceremony and unfortunately we didn't win the award but it is an outstanding achievement for the school.

Attainment Review

An Attainment Review was carried out by our QIO in October and the outcome was very positive with almost 100% of our pupils working at or exceeding expected CFE levels. Kay MacDonald also highlighted our remarkable results over the last few years in our Primary 1 epips assessments in which we are consistently achieving results that are well above local and national averages.

NM to ask Kay MacDonald if it is possible for the school to advertise these outstanding epips assessments.

Self-Evaluation Question: As a school we strive to understand, value and celebrate diversity. We want our children to feel able to challenge discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance when they come across it in any aspect of their lives. How can we work in partnership with parents and the community to achieve this, given that our children live in a community which is perhaps not as diverse in race, religion, belief, sexual orientation or disability as the towns and cities might be?

DP suggested encouraging Parents to be open with kids when discussing news items

LA advises that GREC (Grampian Racial Equality Committee) may have resources.

5 Update on HT recruitment process

Kay McDonald did come to the school to speak to the parent council on Monday 26 September. Therefore there was no need for her to come again tonight.

Timeline:

HT role is currently being advertised. Deadline is 7 November.

Consultation and Shortleet meeting will be in Meldrum Academy (Conference Room) on 15 November 2016 from 6 pm. All Parent Council members welcome

Shortleet Interviews will be in Meldrum Academy on 12 December 2016. Two members from the parent council will be on the interview panel.

6. Update from PC Chairs meeting

A while ago DP did sent out two links to questionnaires: one is still open till 6 Nov. DP encouraged everybody to complete this questionnaire. It only takes 5 minutes.

Main points discussed at PC Chairs meeting:

- Delivering excellence and Equity
- Decluttering the curriculum
- Standardise assessment tools P1, P4, P7, S3 across Scotland, instead of different for every council
- We need to invite Donna Wilson (newly appointed liaison person between PCs and council)
- GIFREC (Getting it Right for Every Child). Make all the agencies work together (one of the issues is the Named Person policy). HT is named person. It is about a coordination role together with the parents.
- PC Chair separate e-mail address: **DP** to check / set up
- Recruitment issue : 1000 more primary children in one year in A'shire council. Continuous problem.

7. PC Activities

- X-mas Fair: Craft Club on Wednesday (15 minutes): Banting with Kids name on them.
 - **AB** to get in contact with LC to ask for stall next to pinboard
- X-mas Party
 - Mr Salter is booked
 - **AB** to get in contact with Tree Logic for X-mas tree
 - **AB** to ask Andrew Ruck but Nicola also offered her husband to be Santa
 - **LS** to get 10 pound vouchers from tearoom for Mr Salter and Santa
 - **NM** is checking with Mary if she is okay with serving a light buffet.
 - 2 parent helpers: LA and maybe JS (**LA** to ask JS)
 - **FS** and **DP** to buy presents for each child as well as presents for game winners
- X-mas Show: 8 December
 - The school is investigating if it can make a DVD of the show
- School Disco: 8 March

8. PC Members

There are still 2 Parent council member vacancies. FC is happy to stay on as Vice Chair. AL as well as Brian Pirie are happy to become parent members.

9. AOB

- It is Council Policy that there are strictly no dogs allowed on the school playground. The only exception that we can make is for little puppies as long as they are carried.
- Unsafe driving (Turning and semi parking) behaviour of parents during drop off and pick up: **DP** will write a note
- Card and donation for Scott Calder: **FS** to check with Kathleen if enough people have signed and if yes will buy the Craighdon Mountain Sports vouchers. **LA** will hand the card and the vouchers to Scott.

10. Next meeting

It was discussed if we can occasionally (especially during the winter months) have our PC meeting during the day, straight after school. It was decided to try this out for the next meeting. Which will therefore be on:

Tuesday 31st January 15:30, at the school. All Welcome