

Minutes of Campie Parent Council
12 December 2013
1900 – 2100 hrs

Present	Chris Kelly (Chair) Sara McCann Shona Blakeley (Minutes) Ailsa Duncan Laura Munro Shirley Banks Barry Turner Colin Liddle (Treasurer)
In attendance	Debbie Beveridge Dawn Slight Susan Whatmore Heather Walker Alison Elgin
Apologies	Sarah Cunningham Sara Clubb Gaynor Allen Lisa Wood Sheila Silvagni Nadine Lowrey Jean Archer

Serial	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome /Apologies	Nil
2	Minutes of last meeting and AGM	Agreed All to read
3	<p>Matters arising DB reminded all parents that the school welcomes input into the vision statement Easy fundraising – link has been published several times on Facebook page and in newsletters. Decided still worth further advertising to include school website and groupcall message</p> <p>Bikeability – great news in that bikeability training is now happening via outdoor learning at the Lagoons. Fridays throughout the New Year. Information to be brought to staff meeting for teachers Chair expressed congratulations to Shirley for her success and persistence Update on Facebook page about this – volunteers to get in touch with Shirley (must have own bike and helmet)</p> <p>Various other comments around this subject including; must complete admin tasks before training, parental consent forms for pupils regarding bringing bike in, having it checked, going out on road etc. There is 6 hours of training, staff welcome to participate and if necessary management team will ensure that cover is provided. Ration of 1:8</p> <p>Key to success is volunteering – NEED A POOL OF VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>Good parental practice comments – now complete</p> <p>Sub group definitions – now complete see serial 7 for more</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>David Gilmore to update website/ AE to arrange groupcall</p> <p>Sue Whatmore to bring info to staff meeting</p> <p>Facebook team</p> <p>School</p> <p>Management team</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>Camp for p?? is booked</p> <p>Burma Partnership – Carried forward (CF) to next meeting.</p> <p>Happy to confirm that the Parent Council now has a treasurer in post. Colin Liddle</p> <p>Health & Well Being initiative – meeting first week of January 2014 with Education Scotland</p> <p>Cluster approach to East Lothian Community Foodbank – CF</p> <p>School crossing guards – CF</p> <p>Photos for Facebook – only 5 parents have provided photos for Facebook – all to do so by next meeting</p>	<p>CF to Jan agenda</p> <p>CF to Jan agenda</p> <p>CF to Jan agenda</p> <p>ALL</p>
4	<p>Ready to learn – Debbie to give a full update when more parents present to benefit.</p> <p>Current work provides a consistent VISUAL reminder for children. A reminder that is fair and applies to all.</p>	<p>CF to Jan agenda</p>
5	<p>Head Teachers Report</p> <p>Debbie reiterated her wish to have comments from parents about the vision statement. Staff have put a lot of time and effort into this. Children will also be given the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>The Quality Improvement Officer (David Scott) will be in the school on Wed 22 Jan. Talking to pupils and staff. He is likely to ask children about the vision statement.</p> <p>Feedback will be given at parent consultations</p> <p>The vision statement should include ‘Scottish’ values (justice/integrity etc)</p> <p>4 capacities in Curriculum for Excellence. Must now make it overt within framework, with the parent and teacher body having an open discussion and debate. To include activities/dialogue/debate</p> <p>Parents need to be clear what they are looking for in order to find it!</p> <p>Suggestions/ideas from Parent Council welcomed</p> <p>Management Team and staff have been completing a shared classroom experience about reading to see learning and behaviour. Staff still require feedback. Overall has been a very positive and enjoyable experience.</p> <p>There will be more visits in January to look at numeracy and thereafter on an ongoing basis to track progress.</p> <p>School has recently participated in a cluster moderation of numeracy and writing. Cluster colleagues take samples of the work of children to mark and their scoring has very closely mirrored that of Campie Staff. This is very reassuring because demonstrates the consistency of approach and is encouraging and supportive of the judgements of staff.</p> <p>Children are selected randomly.</p> <p>Children, staff and whole school are preparing for Christmas with parties, visits to shows and the Church service (20th December 0930 hrs). North Esk minister is delighted about the return of Campie PS</p> <p>Debbie wishes to pass on her thanks and congratulations to the volunteers behind the Christmas Fair and especially to Sheila for being the lynch pin pulling it all together</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>Fischy Music (first week/Jan) and Maca Story (22 Jan) will be in the school helping the school to reach goals within the health and well-being programme.</p> <p>Debbie hopes to run a poetry competition where pupils will learn (by heart) and recite a poem.</p> <p>Staffing p4 teacher returns to Australia and there is not a preferred candidate. Not re-advertising this post as p4 need continuity. Will fill this post from resources in school.</p> <p>Jan – will be recruiting another Depute a temp till June and if possible will take this beyond summer and a 6 month post.</p> <p>There are 2 teaching posts vacant and currently advertising for 3 ASN staff.</p> <p>P4 recruitment will for after summer will begin in March.</p> <p>NB Staff resources are stretched but this is a NATIONAL picture. It will have an impact on school improvement, learning and teaching but the management team and all staff are doing everything they can to lessen the impact.</p> <p>Zoe Gillespie is going to join the PC as the staff rep.</p> <p>School wishes to spend budget on furniture, sound system, library, DHT post. Must spend it or lose it.</p>	
6	<p>Parent Council Sub Groups Descriptions of these to be circulated with minutes</p> <p>All members of the Parent Council are to sign up for at least ONE group and once this Parent Council membership is confirmed we will go out to the wider Parent Forum to seek and secure other volunteers.</p> <p>The class reps information is also to be circulated – Jean has list of names of parents and relevant classes. Reps to be confirmed at January meeting for wider publicity throughout school</p>	<p>Jean to circulate/All to read</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
7	Focus for next year CF	CF to Jan agenda
8	<p>Feedback on Christmas Fair Excellent, more praise for Sheila and team, ran well on day, huge thank you to all involved, community had a real buzz but sadly income was down.</p> <p>Some feedback that people felt excluded but this was due to there being a very short time frame after the Halloween party to make the fair happen. With the creation of sub groups and staff reps it is anticipated that this will not happen again.</p>	
9	<p>AOB Shona Blakeley has suggested a technique for dealing with the vast amount of emails that come in for PC members. She is to provide an update for Jean to see if this could work. If yes details to follow</p> <p>PC members looking for some clarity on fundraising for charity as there have been at least 6 different, external charity appeals. Perhaps we need a strategy and/or calendar of events. Suggestions include Parent forum nominating charities (which would drive</p>	<p>Shona/Jean</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>engagement). Pupil council to feed into this discussion.</p> <p>Barry let us know he is the President of the Musselburgh Twinning Association and the school must feel free to 'take advantage' of these links to benefit pupil experience.</p> <p>Shirley asked for clarity on comms with school teacher via email. Staff to discuss.</p> <p>Shona represented an anonymous individual who was concerned about the behaviour of some children and adults in the playground. The behaviour by a minority of adults has been threatening and aggressive. Debbie wants it to be known that any parent can go directly to her, in confidence, to discuss this matter. This is viewed with great concern and importance</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Once class reps known this would be circulated by them.</p>
10	<p>Dates of next meeting.</p> <p>(Jean can you add please? Gone missing in my inbox...)</p>	<p>All</p>