

<p>3</p>	<p>Head teacher's report</p> <p>The school raised just over £300 in coppers for the East Lothian food bank before Christmas. There is a cluster planning day in March where a cluster approach to the food bank will be discussed. Debbie had spoken to Fiona O'Donnell who said that there was a lot of food available but that there were not enough referrals for it. A project manager is to be appointed and so it is hoped that the school will be able to become more involved once he/she is in post.</p> <p><i>Scottish Poetry Challenge:</i> Performances took place in school and to parents although there were disappointingly few who attended. Debbie will address this. Gaynor suggested that a small e-mail/ note could be sent to remind parents of particular events so that parents take note of the details, rather than missing them in the middle of longer correspondence. The Facebook page can also be used to publicise events.</p> <p><i>Ready to Learn Framework evening:</i> The evening was, again, not well attended and Debbie will look into the reasons for this. However, those who went found it valuable and felt it was good to see a large number of staff members and have the opportunity to meet and work with them.</p> <p><i>Spelling</i> and how to teach it were discussed at the recent in service day. There has not been a consistent approach to this and so this will now be put in place. Debbie will pass on copies of the document which outlines how spelling will be taught so that it can be circulated with the minutes and posted on the Facebook page. There are difficulties in posting information on the school web page. Zoe will speak to Craig Keiller about this.</p> <p><i>Maths tracking:</i> Debbie and Alison are tracking progress through a random sample of pupils (the 5th and 25th child in each class).</p> <p><i>Staffing:</i> Jill Robertson is now covering the three day non class contact timetable. Sarah Robson, the new depute, is still unable to take up post as the Burgh has not managed to fill her vacancy there. She is, however, coming into school to meet with Debbie and Alison and Debbie is seeing to resolve the situation. Alison has moved office and is now in the downstairs section of the new build and Sarah will be based upstairs in the new build. Debbie suggested that Alison's old office could be used for the parents' room and this was agreed. The room will be cleared on March 22nd, from 1-3pm if anyone is available to help.</p> <p><i>Parent consultations:</i> These will take place on April 2nd and 4th; details will be sent home the week after next, along with a form to request appointment times.</p> <p><i>Assemblies</i> have now moved to Friday mornings. Debbie will publicise these and invite parents to attend them. There are concerns about the space constraints and so there will initially be three assemblies held each fortnight, so that there will be room to accommodate parents. Arrangements will be reviewed once the numbers of parents choosing to attend becomes clearer. Sara will contact and ask Mr McKenna if he is able to produce a banner which can be placed outside the school on assembly days to remind parents that they are welcome to attend.</p> <p><i>Learning topics:</i> P1 pupils are looking at toys. Sparkle Arts are booked to talk to staff about how to use performing arts in teaching. Two classes, at different stages in the school, are looking at the solar system. P7 are studying WW2. John Muir work is continuing and P5 & 6 pupils are undertaking outdoor education activities.</p>	<p>Debbie</p> <p>Debbie</p> <p>Debbie</p> <p>Zoe</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Sara</p>

	<p><i>Ready to Learn framework:</i> This is going well, with few pupils needing to be seen. The question, “Are you ready to learn?” is being used.</p> <p><i>Parent volunteers:</i> Gaynor outlined the system of volunteering to help on trips. Parents complete a form which says they are available but often do not hear back from class teachers until a day or two before the trip. It was agreed that a response should be given sooner.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer’s report</p> <p>The bank account has now been transferred to Colin and Shona. Colin had reported a healthy balance of £8300 at the last meeting, at which plans were agreed to spend about £4000. The details will be given in the last set of minutes.</p> <p>Only one family had taken up the offer for a funded camp space although this had caused some negative feelings in other families who had heard an incorrect version of the way in which funding was allocated. Debbie spoke to the parents and explained the situation to them. It was agreed that it would be good to look at funding places for the P6s at the moment, whilst camp is still some distance away, so that there is a smaller chance of questions being asked about how a child is now going to camp when he/she had not been planning to.</p> <p>Gaynor has about 7 or 8 volunteers to help with craft bombing although the office staff might have details of others who are interested. The group will meet on Friday morning and children will be taken out of Golden Time to work on crafts and then, over a week in May, they will decorate the railings outside. It was agreed that the parent council would give a maximum of £150 to purchase craft materials.</p> <p>Two parents have put together the P7 year book for the last 5 years, rather than the parent council giving pupils money to buy a book as they used to do. It was agreed that the parent council would pay up to £500 for this. Shirley agreed to look into applying for a grant for this from Foundation Scotland. Sara will mention the possibility of applying for other grants to the Fundraising group too.</p> <p>Sara mentioned that the person in charge of recruiting casual school crossing guides had suggested that the cost of paying for PVG certification might have discouraged candidates from applying and wondered whether or not it would be appropriate for the parent council to fund the PVG applications. It was decided that it would be better to raise the concerns about lack of casual school crossing guides at an East Lothian parent council meeting. Jean will contact Val and Laura to request this as an agenda item and Johnnie will check the council procedures on recruitment for this post and pass on information to the parent council.</p>	<p>Shirley Sara</p> <p>Jean Johnnie</p>
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p><i>Education and Finance Advisory Group:</i> Gaynor has volunteered to be a parent representative, representing both the Grammar and Campie.</p> <p><i>Club Golf:</i> There had been some information circulated about this and Shirley said that in the past some parents had expressed an interest in being trained as coaches and getting involved in this.</p>	
6	<p>East Lothian Council budget</p> <p>The budget has been set and, although schools have been well protected from budget cuts, the primary management review is still</p>	

	<p>ongoing. This should be concluded before the next meeting. The devolved school management review is still to take place. The council is asking schools to look at how they can save money over the next three years, with £150000 of savings to be made at primary level this year, £50000 next year and an unknown amount in the third year. Few responses were submitted to the primary management review and other options are being considered by the council. Debbie said that it was important to look at savings in other areas to as these will have an impact on the wider community. Johnnie will send out copies of the budget, with the education section highlighted.</p>	<p>Johnnie</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Rights Respecting Schools Award Zoe circulated information and explained a little about the award, which will take 3 or 4 years to achieve. It is run by UNICEF and serves to promote the rights for children and look at how these can be encompassed in schools and taught to children and families. Initially a steering group will be set up, to raise awareness in the school community, then there will be two further levels, which will include external assessment. Work will be carried out through assemblies, displays, curriculum planning, links with CDC, school and class charters and through the use of different resources, such as UNICEF and Education Scotland ones. Gaynor said she was happy to act as a link with CDC, sharing information with them. Sara volunteered to join the steering group. Children will be introduced to the award through assemblies, to which parents will be invited. Gaynor thanked Zoe for her work on behalf of the parent council.</p>	<p>Gaynor Sara</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Opportunities for parents to spend more time in school Following parental conversations in the playground, Ailsa asked about possible opportunities for parents to come into school to see what pupils are doing. The possibility of having a regular time when parents could drop in, such as the first half hour on a Friday morning, was discussed. Debbie will look into this.</p>	<p>Debbie</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>AOB <i>Bikeability:</i> Shirley was uncertain about what stage this was at. Sue Whatmore is taking responsibility so Zoe will ask her about it. <i>Local area partnership:</i> Nadine and Gaynor attended this but there is uncertainty about how many parent council members will be able to attend in the future. The next meeting is scheduled for late March and Gaynor and Nadine are happy to represent Campie. <i>Flowers:</i> Debbie had recently sent flowers to the family of a pupil whose maternal grandparent had died and asked parents to let her know if there are other such needs so that the school can recognise them. <i>Spring clean:</i> Shona had been contacted by a parent to suggest that a spring clean could be planned for the playground. Shona will ask her to lead on this, with other volunteers helping with it. <i>Inter-school swimming gala:</i> Campie used to participate in this and Gaynor had been asked if the school could do so again. Alison will speak to Anna Potter about it and Debbie will investigate the arrangements. Gaynor suggested that Linda Borthwick might know more about it as she had been involved in the past. <i>SAFE meeting:</i> this will take place on March 25th. Lisa asked for the details; Sara has them and will forward them.</p>	<p>Zoe Gaynor, Nadine Shona Alison, Debbie</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Date of next meetings These will be March 26th, April 30th and June 4th.</p>	

