

Campie Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 20 June 2017

Attending	Laura Munro (Chair), Sara McCann, Colin Liddell, Susan Heaton, Hazel Sayers, Tansy Main, Clare Paterson, Nadine Lowrey, Kirsteen Wishart
Staff In attendance	Pauline McKay (HT), Sarah Robson (DHT)
Apologies	Shona Blakeley, John Williamson (Cllr), Elizabeth Hunter

Serial	Agenda item		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	The chair welcomed everyone	
2	Minutes of last meeting	Minutes were approved from the last meeting. Apologies from John Williamson, Elizabeth Hunter & Shona Blakeley	
3	Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shona has been running a pilot for class list but not many people have signed up to it yet, Shona will continue to pilot this.</li> <li>• Mrs McKay has provided a list of helpers for the school fair.</li> <li>• Sub group overview to go on the website as a comms over the summer break.</li> <li>• Richard is still looking into Sustrans. Closing date is today for the application for additional bike storage. HT is progressing this and is waiting for a response from the council.</li> </ul>	Shona  Chair  Richard
4	Sub-group reports	<p>Fundraising -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had a successful summer fair raising a total of £2,600 with another £100 of expenses to be added to this. Some discussion took place on how to school was left after the fair (was it left tidy) In future would be of benefit if there was janitorial support with the tidy up. HT would like to thank everyone for their efforts.</li> <li>• The book sale is planned for Friday.</li> <li>• The fundraising group are planning to put together a calendar of events for the forthcoming year.</li> </ul> <p>Playground –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tansy is planning to put out a newsletter to parents on the plans for the playground.</li> <li>• A lengthy discussion took place about making an outdoor classroom and introducing a playpod. The best place for the mugga would be the green area next to the afterschool club and the playpod/outdoor classroom could be put in the area the back next to the nursery. Tansy asked if there were any ideas on what to replace the broken map with on the stone wall? It was suggested that there could be a black board put there. Discussed</li> </ul>	Fundraising Group       Tansy  All

		<p>bouldering but there was some concerns about the suitability of the old stone wall for this purpose. The playpod and outdoor classroom will be progressed hopefully over the summer holidays. Tansy can prepare a list of materials required for the playpod.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard emailed sustrans today and confirmed its okay to still submit an application.</li> <li>• Richard asked about a space for scooter storage, criminal justice can do the work for around £80. This could be placed at the nursery entrance as there no bike or scooter storage at the moment.</li> </ul> <p>Communications –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tansy’s playground group comms should go out this week.</li> <li>• Laura will update the website over the summer.</li> <li>• Laura is almost finished the constitution and will transfer this across to the campie community. This is definitely worth doing as there are certain grants that are available for constituted groups and not parent councils and this may open more doors for funding.</li> </ul> <p>Grant Writing -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shona provided an email with an update – nothing major to report. Richard has been progressing the sustrans application but no other update.</li> <li>• Some discussion took place about ‘go fund me’ fundraising and if this could work for the school. Go fund me take 5% of all donations.</li> <li>• Fundraising newsletter to go out to inform parents where the money is being spent and about the work that has already been done in the playground.</li> </ul>	<p>Richard</p> <p>Tansy</p> <p>Chair Chair</p> <p>Fundraising Group</p>
5	Treasurer’s report and requests for funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The summer fair raised £2600 with some expenses still to be settled. Colin signed some cheques for expenses.</li> </ul>	
6	HT Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hopefully everyone has their letter to say who their new class teacher is? The number of classes next year has risen. There will be 3 primary 1’s and the school will need to facilitate an extra class. Room 2 will turn into an extra classroom. HT appreciates that the letter came out a bit later than normal. The school is scheduled to have a meet my teacher session on Monday and the nursery will visit their new classed with their new teacher.</li> <li>• Currently recruiting. HT will communicate the successful candidate as soon as possible. Hoping to recruit 2 successful candidates out of one recruitment drive, interviews are happening next</li> </ul>	

		<p>week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eilidh Christian and Jill Robertson have been working towards their leadership certificate and have passed – congratulations!</li> <li>• The second achievement assembly was held last week and this will continue. The children are continuing to contribute to the school improvement plan. The Children did a task after the assembly where they came up with lots of statements of ‘I cans’ and sorted them into the four capacities, Sarah has collated them and now has the Campie definitions based on what the children came up with. This week the children came up with little things they could do over the holidays for the summer challenge ‘achieving everyday’ this could be helping in the house or getting involved in the community. Sarah is leading this and she will send a link out so that parents can upload photos etc. for the summer challenge.</li> </ul>	
8	Tabled information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick update on the ELAPCM which Laura attends. The focus for the last meeting was on children in care and the affect this has on their schooling and how communities and corporate parents (local authorities, schools etc.) can help. They talked about how only around 4% of children in care have additional support needs and only 4% of children from care go on to university and 73% leave on or before their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.</li> <li>• The parental involvement strategy formal launch will be in August 2017.</li> <li>• The council play policy has been approved and will also be rolled out in Aug 2017.</li> <li>• The Head of education talked about the numbers for attainment, the numbers are experimental again this year. Standardised testing starts next year but this still needs to be finalised. Some discussion took place about this and which classes are being reported on this year (P1, P4 &amp; P7)</li> <li>• P1’s are going straight into full weeks, a parent raised this as a concern at the ELAPCM as she felt that this could be detrimental to the children</li> <li>• Parking was discussed and some suggestions were made to try to combat this problem. It was mentioned that Prestonpans primary have the P7’s out monitoring the parking at peak times. Other suggestion were introducing a walking bus where a couple of adults walk the route to school and pick up children on the way. Community officers have been outside the school on occasion but they don’t appear to be coming at the right time. HT mentioned</li> </ul>	

		<p>that the JRSO's could become more involved next year and mentioned that she had asked Marshall Greenfields about safer routes to school and about getting a travel plan up and running. Could there be park and stride area set up in one of the council car parks? Is there a 20's plenty slogan in situ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a discussion around the delay in classes being communicated and the P1 transition &amp; appeals process. It appears that some parents felt that the appeals process was a bit of a foregone conclusion before they had even logged their appeal. This was a very emotive process in terms of the appeal as many parents already had children settled at the school. The Head of education said she would look at this from an authority level and ensure there is enough communication with parents about this process to ensure more transparency.</li> </ul>	
9	AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A parent had approached Laura to ask about the funding cuts for support staff? Some discussion took place about this and the impact this will have on the school. Is any communication planned to parents about these changes? HT will consider this. If parents are concerned they should speak to the school directly.</li> <li>• The new class names are the teachers surname i.e. P1L (Miss Leyland)</li> <li>• HT mentioned that stoneyhill had borrowed the sumo suits and they had gifted a large box of lollies to the school which are locked away in the cupboard.</li> <li>• HT advised that the governance review came out last week and we should discuss this at the next meeting as this may have an impact on the role of the parent forum and how we engage with the wider parent forum.</li> <li>• HT confirmed there is still time to send in milk money.</li> </ul>	All
10	Date of next meetings	<p>19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (AGM)</p>	