

**Campie Parent Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Attending	Nadine Lowrey (acting chair), John Williamson, Ailsa Duncan, Colin Liddell , Sarah Robson (DHT), Laura Munro, Shirley Banks, Kim Davies, Richard Cooke, Mike Williams, Kirsty Russell, Susan Buckham, Hazel Sayers, Tansy Main, Pauline McKay (HT), Susan Heaton, Clare Paterson, Elizabeth Hunter Lesley Steedman (Cover clerk)
Apologies	Alison Elgin, Chris Kelly, Sara McCann, Sharon Byrne, Shona Blakeley (Chair), Catherine McCormack

Serial	Agenda Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies	The Acting Chair started the meeting with a brief welcome.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	Minutes passed.	
3.	Matters arising	<p>Huge thanks for the summer fair which to date has raised £2,200.00 and still counting.</p> <p>Storage Unit – Stuart Jackson will look into some availability at First Step.</p> <p>Sainsbury Vouchers, -Nadine Lowrey will contact the PE Specialist as still no further forward and time running out. Sarah Robson will remind PE specialist about this too.</p> <p>Alison Elgin has sourced a PA @ £324 plus vat but will check with HTA for their ones when borrowed for school fair and the water festival. Payment already agreed for £90 so only difference needs agreed on. – this was agreed upon.</p> <p>Playground easy-fix list will be updated.</p> <p>Alison Elgin to chase outstanding jobs and funds requested.</p>	<p>Stuart Jackson</p> <p>Nadine Lowry and Sarah Robson</p> <p>Playground Grp Alison Elgin</p>
4.	Head Teacher's report	<p>Pauline McKay's first HT report and offered thanks to staff and parents for their support so far.</p> <p>She shared her expectations and understanding of her role within the Parent Council.</p> <p>ADVISORY – work with staff and management team to share school news and provide opportunities for questions.</p> <p>SUPPORTING – support the work of the Parent Council ensuring that parent projects and school work well together – in the 'same direction'</p> <p>ENGAGING – help encourage a wider community involvement.</p> <p>UNDERSTANDING –the Parent Council and staff to have some independence</p> <p>TRUSTING</p> <p>NON-DISCRIMINATORY – ensuring meetings are not for specific individual interests.</p> <p>Her report as follows then,</p> <p><u>4.1 Staffing Update</u></p> <p>Thanks to Sarah Robson and Alison Elgin for their ongoing commitment and to the wider staff.</p> <p>Letter came out at beginning of term detailing the new staff, new appointments and the NQTs.</p> <p>There are still vacancies available, closing soon.</p> <p>Plenty of support for specific subjects and year groups especially with so many new staff.</p> <p>4.2 SIP – the School Improvement Plan will be evaluated and ready for further detail at the AGM – with 3 main categories (Learning</p>	

		<p>and Teaching, Support for Pupils and Curricular Pathways), focusing on 4 particular pathways ( <u>Numeracy and Maths, Literacy and English, 1+2 languages and Health and Wellbeing</u>).</p> <p><u>4.3 Budget</u> Looking into other ways of spending on resources and professional development. Fundraising – looking at picking a charity each year that will change for the children to raise funds towards.</p> <p><u>4.4 –Updates</u> Credit for a very successful transition as P1s seem to have settled really well, will look for feedback and also then for the P7s transition. Reading for Enjoyment Programme – great enthusiasm around the school for books that is working well to improve health and wellbeing, adding extra on from the initial programme to include monthly visits to the Musselburgh Library with the hope that whole school buddying will raise attainment also. This will hopefully lead nicely into a community based Cluster Reading Initiative based on the ‘Dunbar Reads’ and ‘Ross Rocks Reads’ model. Cluster working towards Attendance Matters, Moderation for Literacy and Numeracy skills also. The Accelerated Reader Programme will hopefully be available soon. Staff within the authority are overseeing updates etc. This will be accessed by P4 upwards.</p>	
5.	Sub groups reports	<p><u>Communications Group</u> – as many new faces around the table, Laura Munro explained the purpose of the groups and invited people to join as always needing helpers. She explained that they provide a link through the Campie Community website (Twitter and facebook) to the school website and have telephone and email access to allow parents to raise issues that can be brought forward to the PC meetings. She also requested content for the newsletter.</p> <p><u>Fundraising Group</u> – Nadine Lowry again explained to the new members the role of this group and asked for any volunteers to join. The group is always keen to hear of new and different approaches to doing things. She discussed the upcoming events - Halloween 29/10/15 and Christmas fair – 12/12/15</p>	
6.0	Playground Report	<p>Elizabeth Hunter talked through the playground changes and discussions to date starting from the beginning in January 2015. She explained that the key now was for ‘decision-making’ as no funding could be applied for until this was in place. Three Options – GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE. Majority there felt that the Go for Gold would be preferred option but even after all the discussions so far; nobody seemed sure who should be making the final decision. Thoughts will go into using the Parents Evening and maybe a survey through Comms to get this info out to the wider school body. Once decisions are made, the group can use Shona Blakeley for her fundraising expertise.</p>	Elizabeth Hunter, Shona Blakely, Pauline McKay and

			Comms
7.0	Winter Ready Playground	Date set for Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October to ensure some tidying and work done in the playground before the October break and winter sets in.	
8.0	School Police Liaison Officer	Pinkie PC Chair asked that the matter was raised at each parent council regarding the previous role of a School Police Liaison Officer that used to be based at the Grammar and would visit schools regularly, showing a presence and being called upon to deal with even little issue to encourage children to form a healthy respect for the Police and the wider community. The chair at Pinkie PC feels that they have noticed a dramatic difference since this role has been removed and both Sarah Robson and John Williamson (Councillor) supported this view.	
9.0	Treasurers Report	Still balancing Summer fair but the balance is sitting at about £7,000.00 Some agreed spending from the summer fair for the P7 camp and there were no requests for funding.	
8.	Tabled Information	Discussed and highlighted.	
9.	Date of next meeting	Next meeting is with AGM on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2015. Change of day was discussed but not highly supported unless maybe an alternating. Still to be discussed and agreed.	Shona Blakely and Nadine Lowry
10.	AOB	Stuart Jackson asked about school calendars – but this was advised that it would not be happening this year but Christmas cards were in hand. Laura Munro had Comms feedback : Feedback about school communication being a bit confusing with advise saying letters to be received and then not. : School website not updated enough and not always in line with the PC website. Lines in the morning, another request for parents to stand further back as distressing some children and parents who then couldn't see their children in the line. Tansy Main asked about the AGM format – advised that this will be a meeting as normal for first part and then the AGM.	