



Campie Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 5th December 2018

Attending	Jane Liggat, Terri Buzzeo, Laura Munro, Jenna McBirnie, Kirsteen Wishart, Cl. Kate Mackie, Pauline McKay HT, Tansy Main. Linsey Brown, Clare Paterson (treasurer), Susan Heaton (Clerk)
In attendance	
Apologies	Shona Blakeley, John Gilligan, Cll John Williamson, Lydia Kerr, Nadine Lowrey, Cll Andy Forrest, Laura Sanders, Nicola Duncan, Ruth Quilleti-bird, Sarah Robson, Elizabeth Hunter, Verity Barry.

Serial	Agenda item		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Tansy welcomed everyone to the meeting. She suggested that AOB be taken at the end of the meeting. Going forward, if anyone has any substantial items for discussion, they should flag these to the chair or the vice chair in advance of the PC meeting to decide if the matter needs to go on to the main agenda. This was unanimously agreed.	
2	Minutes of last meeting	Approved and seconded	
3	Matters arising	Daily mile and policy on it. See head teachers report. Panto payment reminder going out? This has been done but a further reminder required. Grit bin and emergency vehicle access - this has now been moved.	
5	Sub-group reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising/Grant Writing <p>Christmas fair update - we took over £2,000 on the day. Expenses to be taken off but looking at a profit of around £1,800.</p> <p>Feedback on fair - music for the dining room while choir are having a break. Also maybe a cafe area in the dining room for parents as there wasn't a lot for adults to do. Looking to issue a poll to the wider campie community to get feedback on the fair. Thanks noted to all who helped out.</p> <p>The Campie calendar is finished and pre order forms went out in the last bag drop. So far sales are looking good and a profit of over £500 has been made already despite a bigger outlay on the larger size.</p> <p>Grant writing - Lydia Kerr is submitting an application to common good fund for astro turf for goals area.</p>	Fundraising team to look into more comms in the run up to events and how to gauge footfall at fairs.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inclusion <p>Leaflet has had a slight delay but they are ready to print and due to go out in the next bag drop.</p> <p>Jane and Kirsteen have met with Pauline, they discussed - Pupil equity funding (PEF) to be communicated to the wider forum by the end of the year. Plans in place to boost number of parents applying for the free school meals. Bag drop with forms with info on how to apply. The new online pay system has helped with the historical stigma of free meals.</p> <p>There was discussion about the need to improve school communication to the wider Campie Community and ways of getting feedback without filling out forms. An example was cited of an approach used by another school in East Lothian who pose a particular question at parent consultation evenings and ask people to put a pebble in the jar for yes or no, as a quick (and visual) means of obtaining people's views. Mrs McKay agreed to consider this.</p> <p>The message re. gifting teachers at Christmas message was well received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Playground</p> <p>Parent Council previously agreed to cover the £600+VAT cost to undertake a scan of the grass site to check for any underground utilities. The local authority has asked for this to be done prior to installation of goals. Mrs McKay is liaising with council procurement for guidance about the school instructing the scan and the PC will reimburse the school.</p> <p>The Pupil council has written to local DIY companies to seek donations for the container and materials for playground improvements. The pupil council will also run a competition for the design to be painted on the side of the container.</p> <p>The company delivering the container has advised that they need to undertake a further site visit to confirm access etc prior to delivery. Once they are satisfied, the school can go ahead and order the container. It is hoped this will happen early in the New Year.</p> <p>There was discussion about the recent heavy rainfall which caused a large puddle in the dip in the playground, as there were no cones around it and no teachers preventing children from running through it. It was noted that the playground team had previously requested the council come out to unblock the drain (and to repair the flower beds to stop soil running in to them), but that this needs looked at again.</p> <p>Willow garden has been maintained recently but it is in need of an overhaul. Maybe some tables and benches in there for children to go and sit. Playground team will</p>	<p>Pauline to consider.</p>
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7	Treasurer's report and requests for funding	<p>Linsey has stepped down as treasurer and Clare offered to take on the role. Clare unanimously voted in as Treasurer.</p> <p>Totals from Christmas Fair - £1,800 after expenses.</p> <p>Teas and coffees and santas grotto were down from last year. Nerf gun made £117.40. Teddy tombola £60.</p> <p>Christmas cards - £600 - Huge thanks to Sara and Kirsty for arranging this.</p> <p>Easy fundraising total to date - £682.54</p> <p>Bank Balance to date - £30,004.</p> <p>Request for funding - £289.92 for the P1 book bags. All Agreed.</p> <p>Panto funds update - £1,441 deficit to date but payments are still coming in. Might need more comms on those that wanted to overpay but couldn't due to restrictions in the new system. Donations fund could be set up on the new system so that overpayments can be made.</p> <p>Same issue with music payment being owed on the new system.</p>	<p>Pauline to look into a fund for panto deficit to be set up and the 2 pound minimum payment.</p>
8	HT Report	<p>Mat leave position is now being advertised.</p> <p>School handbook draft was issued and if anyone would like to be involved in this to meet on 17th December 1.30-2.30. Comms to go out to promote it.</p> <p>STEM approach - Campie has its own School improvement plan as well as a cluster improvement plan. As a cluster, STEM had been identified as a good starting point for the school year. STEM was also used in conjunction with literacy. Feedback from the children was positive. Literacy and numeracy still remains at the forefront of pupil learning.</p> <p>Daily mile is not a daily staple in the school curriculum, although some teachers do participate in this and others don't. It's about making space in the school day for the Daily mile and the effects that it will have. Concerns raised about the inequity with some children benefiting from this and others not.</p>	<p>Susan to email out a copy of the report to the parent council.</p> <p>Pauline to consider whole school approach to the Daily Mile.</p>

		<p>Olivebank is now available all year round after the children wrote a letter asking for more regular access. Shona and Pauline met with Bev Skirrow, Principal Officer – Education Business Unit (Schools Support). Positive feedback on our parent council model and our inclusion policy.</p> <p>The school gritter is broken and is being repaired so the school playground has been slippier than usual.</p> <p>PEF newsletter to go out in next Wednesdays bag drop - first one focussing on Nurture - what it is, what it looks like, as well as a guidesheet.</p>	
9	Tabled information	<p>None. The chair explained that tabled information is a confusing phrase and instead suggested calling this 'information for noting' or 'information for action' (if a response from the PC is required to council consultations for example). It was agreed that this would be easier for people to understand.</p>	
10	AoB	<p>Jane Liggat wanted to highlight the Teachers Value Education Campaign and asked if it was something that the parent council would support to help give it more weight. The chair advised that this was discussed at an earlier meeting but it was felt that the Parent Council should be a neutral body so as to not be seen to show affiliation to a particular trade union or campaign. The Chair suggested that we need to clarify the position with Bev Skirrow and brought back to a future meeting for further discussion.</p>	<p>Tansy to speak to Shona and Bev Skirrow.</p>
	Date of next meeting	<p>Friday 18th January 9am - 11am - Campie parent room.</p>	