

DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting Held On: MONDAY 18th JUNE 2018 at John Muir Campus

Present:

Helen Schoen (Chair)
Helen Faulds (Co-Vice Chair)
Helen Gillanders
Jaclyn Eeles
Susan Brennan
Michael Fairbairn
Hazel Baptie
Gillian Heavie
Emma Buglass
Debbie Hadden
Michelle Higginbottom
Hazel Baptie
Charlotte Chapman
Kirsteen Wilson
Gail Wallace
Jackie Irvine

Apologies

Will Collin
Julie Adams
Sharon Brown
Jaime Calder

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Helen Schoen (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The minutes from the previous meeting (April) were agreed by Helen Faulds and Hazel Baptie.

2. UPDATE FROM CHAIR

- Helen gave thanks to the team who gave so much time and helped raise funds during this session. There will be an opportunity to share any ideas on future fundraising.

- **Funding Requests:**

The Parent Council account currently is standing at: £4839. All the requests below were agreed unanimously by a clear show of hands.

- £1000 requested by Jo Legge (DHT) towards a quarter set of Block Play.
- £250 requested by Elaine Williamson (Class Teacher) to continue work in the garden at JMC.
- £100 per year stage due to being a good fundraising year (pupils to contribute to decision on how to spend).
- £1000 towards IPADS/Mini IPADS throughout the school

- **School Fair:**

- This was a huge team effort which raised a profit of £3190 and the feedback from parents has been very positive about the fair in general and the diversity of events. Further discussion will follow to discuss date and future fair.
 - Fundraising for new session: The Christmas Fair date to be checked with Dunbar Grammar so doesn't clash (possibility of doing alternate years). The school calendar will continue and the Christmas cards will need to be assessed as Claire is standing down. The P1 coffee morning will continue (date to set - looking at Saturday after meet the teacher) further discussion regarding layout to follow.
- A schedule of regular events to be discussed at next meeting.

3. REPORT FROM HEAD TEACHER

- Staffing Update: Rachel Murray taking on role of Early Years Support Teacher
- Corinna Edwards (moving to St Gabriels), Lesley McPheat (moving to East Linton), Jenny Lieberman (extending her Maternity leave) and Jay Glacken is retiring. Elspeth Richards and Joanne Lamb have new Nursery Nurse posts in the Nurture Base and vacancies for the Cluster Support Base will be advertised soon. There will also be interviews for another DHT.
- Dunbar Primary has been given an award from GTC Scotland for excellent practice in professional learning which is a testament to what is being done in school.
- The CFE levels are moving upwards over the whole of the school as per sheet issued. The focus is on numeracy (Helen Bennett coming out of class for 3 days next session as a Numeracy Support Teacher.
- The curriculum is currently under review and the school will be looking at more ideas in engaging pupils in how to be creative using play with the possibility of using N-P7 buddy classes to feedback information throughout the school.
- Helen is looking at how to encourage good behaviour and values from to pupils to create the best learning environment for all pupils in partnership with parents. There was some discussion about each child having a signed contract stating the expectations of the school regarding behaviour and also an opportunity for parents to discuss any issues with school. This received positive feedback from Parent Council Reps attending the meeting. This will be discussed at a future date.
- Helen asked for thoughts on the possibility of having an extra parents evening to discuss pupils learning instead of reports as some schools do this and also have pupils present at the parental discussion. There was also a proposal that possible a shorter report would be sufficient with a paragraph on how the pupil is progressing. The hours allocated to reports could be used for the Teacher taking pupil groups. This is a huge cultural shift and there will be further discussion to follow and an opportunity for parents to give feedback.
- Dunbar Grammar School were first in the Big Pedal and were given 5 micro scooters - they have been donated to primary cluster schools and DPS received 2 which could possible be used as a raffle to generate more funds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The P7 class reps present thanked The HT for all she and her team had done for the leavers. Some have been at DPS for 9 years including nursery and the class reps were very appreciative of the education the children who are leaving this summer have received.

5. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS (7-9pm) at John Muir Campus Library

- AGM - Monday 27th August 2018

Signature of Chair: Date: