

	said that all donations can be brought into the School office a week before the event.	RB
3	<p><u>Head Teacher Report</u></p> <p>Steph has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher and will go from part time to full time. Sheona and school staff are delighted with the appointment. This has been echoed by the parent body. The appointment of Steph to the DHT post will have implications for staffing across the school. A full time teaching post is currently being advertised.</p> <p>The School improvement plan has been submitted to the East Lothian Council. This was shared with the Parent Council. The key priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving attainment in Literacy and Numeracy Improving Health and Wellbeing Continuing to develop 1+2 Languages, Growth Mindsets, Making Thinking Visible <p>The pupils have been learning French across the whole school and are encouraged by being given house points for using greetings to one another in the corridor, dining room etc. There will be a different French focus every fortnight eg greetings, days of the week</p> <p>Leadership on every level is important and this is evidenced in the school improvement plan as a variety of staff across the school are leading on new developments.</p> <p>The School is working hard towards achieving the Unicef Level 1 Rights Respecting Schools Award with an assessment hopefully in January 2018.</p> <p>The pupils are getting “Star of the week” awards and with “value” stickers. We are continuing to plan for Focus Fridays where we look at the school Vision, Values & Aims.</p> <p>For Literacy and Numeracy the School is focusing on developing quality teaching, learning and assessment. This is key to raising attainment.</p> <p>Scottish National Standardised Assessment are being introduced this session. The cluster have set up moderation teams who will visit each others schools to ensure consistency in our assessments of pupil progress. In school we are focusing on tracking and assessment to also help the pupils to know where they are at in the learning and what their next steps are.</p> <p>Developments for the next 3 years will include: STEM, Curriculum Frameworks, Intelligent Use of data, Developing young work force. Also work towards getting Unicef Level 2 Rights Respecting Schools Award.</p> <p>Ross mentioned resilience and mindfulness and Sheona said this is included within HWB</p>	
4	<p><u>Chair’s Report</u></p> <p>Congratulations Steph! Ross said that as a member on the panel, Steph was an outstanding candidate with passion and imagination. It’s an exciting time for the school.</p> <p>The next Recruitment and Selection training will be held on 9th October. Gemma is trained however need another one for the Parent Council next year and Katie volunteered.</p> <p>Ross also announced that he will be stepping down as a Chairperson and P4 Representative after Christmas.</p>	
5	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>The Parent Council Bank balance as of 30th September is £3346.91.</p>	

	<p>Lynn suggested spending the monies on something substantial that the parents can see and appreciate. The Parent Council members will have a think and come up with ideas of what could be done.</p> <p>Lynn will arrange floats for the Winter Wonderland which will need to be collected from RBS in advance. Cash will also need to be handed in to RBS and Lynn asked for a volunteer to help with this. Ross volunteered Mrs Boyce for this!</p>	RB
6	<p><u>Year Stage Issues</u></p> <p>Nursery pm – The feedback from pm Nursery parents is positive . Some parents had said that it would be nice to see what the children are doing in nursery and Sheona said that there will be open mornings following the October break that parents can sign up for. There is also a board in the cloakroom with the focus for the week and what’s been happening. This are also termly newsletters. Sheona will feed back to the staff to make sure it’s clear for everyone to see.</p> <p>Nursery am – The parents have asked if the curriculum evening was also for the nursery, and Sheona confirmed that this was the case. An email had been sent to all Parents/Carers.</p> <p>P1 – A question on what happens at playtime? For example would be nice with playground games like painting? Is there any equipment available for this? There are also concerns about, for example, climbing trees, riding scooters and bicycles in the school grounds especially at the start/end of the school day. Sheona said that climbing trees was not allowed however the children do play in the wooded area. Riding scooters and bikes in the playground is not permitted in the playground. Sheona will remind the children of this.</p> <p>P2 – Clarification was asked for with regard to changing shoes for the ‘mile a day’ Sheona indicated that children usually wear their ‘outdoor’ shoes for this as changing into other shoes takes more time.</p> <p>Another parent question was with regard to homework. Sheona said that homework isn’t compulsory and some do homework and some don’t. Not doing homework at all could hold pupils back and could be a disadvantage for example if the group is reading a text and one child hasn’t prepared for the next piece of work. The theory behind homework is about sharing the learning in class with the parents so they know what / how their children are doing. Lynn said that it’s different for early years and P6/7 for example. It takes time for teachers to set the homework tasks, mark it, hand back, follow up etc. Gemma was wondering if there is a policy? The homework policy needs to be revised in line with parental wishes. There could be mixed reaction from parents if there is no homework. Ross asked the Parent Council to have a think about whether homework is too much or too little. Sheona to survey the wider parent body.</p> <p>P2/3 – no issues raised</p> <p>P3 – Parents feel the pupils are getting too much homework. Query raised again about School doing the Children’s University? This encourages the children to be recognised for out of school achievements. Sheona reminded parents that wider achievements are celebrated in assembly but school staff are looking at different ways to recognise achievement. There are a few schools in East Lothian that participate in the Children’s University.</p> <p>P4 – Parents concerned about children pushing each other and rough play at the start/end</p>	SS

	<p>of the school day. Clarification asked for about when P4-7 complete the next AR Star Reader Assessment - Sheona said that this would be done again after the October break.</p> <p>P5 – no issues raised</p> <p>P6 – no issues raised</p> <p>P7 – no issues raised</p>	
7	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Lynn asked if all correspondence can be sent as a pdf instead and Sheona will pass this on.</p> <p>Sheona mentioned that the school will get a new interactive screen with a touchscreen in P1 classroom after the October break. This replaces a broken whiteboard and will be paid for as part of ELC refresh.</p> <p>The licence for Education City was discussed as this is up for renewal very soon. Sheona said that there is an issue with procurement and it's been difficult to progress this quickly. This will be renewed for 2 years once resolved. Parent Council previously contributed towards this cost.</p> <p>Playground painting was discussed. Lynn thinks this is where the money should go. The Parent Council is happy for the funds to go to the playground as pupils love playing outdoor games. New housing is scheduled to go up and Cllr Gilbert said that it might be next year so might be an idea to wait until after these are built? The Parent Council will think about this.</p> <p>Lynn also mentioned that painting benches for example would be a good teambuilding exercise. There could be community involvement too and should be fine as long as it's small jobs. Lynn to look into this.</p> <p>A dedicated fundraising focus was suggested so it's clear what the funds are being raised for, for example a trim trail.</p> <p>Ross asked if there is a timeline for the revamped Behaviour policy. Steph said that yes, something will be drafted by the end of October. The pupils have been consulted and parent reps will be invited to come and join the group and see what the pupils have proposed.</p> <p>Cllr Gilbert mentioned easy fundraising as an option for the Parent Council to raise funds. Sheona said that it's already in place however no one uses it. Need to remind parents of it. Lynn also said that there are other links too where parents can choose to give themselves extra cash back rather than the school so it comes down to priorities.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>LK</p>
	<p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>Parent Council meeting 29th November 7pm</p> <p>Area Partnership 15th November</p> <p>ELAPCM meeting 22nd November</p>	