



PINKIE PARENTS

Minutes of the meeting
held at Pinkie St Peters
on Monday 14 December 2015

Present: Kirsty Sivell (Clerk) Iain Clark (Chair) Clare Morley (Treasurer) Shirley Bailey, Morgan Scott, Joanne Friend

Staff in Attendance: Sarah Ogden (Head Teacher) Hazel Rae (Deputy Head Teacher)

Others in Attendance: Cllr Andy Forrest

Apologies: Suzanne Douglas, Louise Scott, Cllr Stuart Innes

Minutes taken by: Kirsty Sivell (Clerk)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Iain welcome all to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker Emma Watson.

2. 1&2 Project

1&2's Language Presentation by Emma Watson. The Scottish Government's policy, Language Learning in Scotland: A 1+2 Approach, is aimed at ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards. Additionally, each child should have the right to learn a second modern language from P5 onwards. The policy should be fully implemented across the country by 2020.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting on 2nd November were approved by the parent council.

4. Matters arising from the previous minute

Nativity teas and coffees - IC has sorted cover where necessary. Some discussion took place on the most suitable place to host the refreshments.

Police liaison officer - IC has submitted a report and has arranged a meeting to discuss re-introducing a police liaison officer in the area.

5. Pupil Report

No pupil report

6. Head Teachers Report

Staff Update

Staffing was discussed in detail. Clare Morley has suggested a weekly text alert to parents to keep informed of any staff changes/class cover.

Mrs Burbanks is going on maternity leave; HT has recruited maternity cover from January.

Mrs Burton retires at the end of the school term; HT is currently recruiting for her replacement. The collection from parents has raised £100 and HT will purchase vouchers.

HT will be interviewing for a classroom assistant on Thursday.

Building work

The dining room should be handed back at the end of this week. All the furniture will need to be moved from the hall as the floor is being sanded and varnished during the 1st week back. Primary 1&2 will need to enter through a separate door to where they have been coming in. The main building is still due for completion approx end of Jan/Feb. Work will begin on the dance studio and the nursery after the main building is complete.

Other stuff

Pinkie podcast is going well; there is a dedicated page on the school website where you can access the podcasts. There are now about 15 pupils in the group, they report on things that are happening in the school and in the Pinkie Area.

The Puppet Company are working well with the nursery children and P1's.

All classes are now walking a mile 4 times per week and already we are seeing an increase in the children's stamina. Mr Barry who coaches the football team has noticed a difference in the stamina since the team have been doing the mile.

The block support for learning block has finished. The 118 children who have been assessed have made great progress from a few percent up to 30% in some children. Some of the group will continue this learning in January. Staff will be starting to look at numeracy and a block will be starting in January.

The school had a quality assurance visit from QIO (Quality Improvement Organisation) and the assessor was very positive about where the school is at. HT highlighted that the school is on a journey and is committed to showing more improvement over time.

There are 2 nativity performances happening this week. The performances are limited to 2 tickets per child due to the size of the hall and health and safety issues.

The Christmas parties have started this week. The deputy site manager has volunteered to be Santa and staff have all reported that he has done an amazing job with the children and the school will do something nice for him to say thank you.

Cluster literacy programme - Lindsey Barley one of the new deputies at the Burgh has been involved with it from the start and is working on getting the whole community reading. There will be lots of promotion on this so watch this space.

Musselburgh children's choir is happening at Loretto and rehearsals have started. They have invited P7's this year and Pinkie have pulled together a small group of children who can commit to all the rehearsals and performances.

Play on pedals cycle training date has been set and will start in January. This aims to teach early year's cycle skills and help parents teach children to ride a balance bike.

HT has submitted an application for a Tesco community grant for a trim trail. HT will be progressing this application so watch this space.

On 28th January Pinkie will be hosting a community hub event which is open for anyone living in the community. There will be lots of different groups present at the event from housing, tenants association, Citizens Advice Bureau, Police Scotland, Health to name but a few. It will be a drop in event running from 2pm-5pm and teas and coffees will be provided.

On the back of the community hub events the HT met with home start which is a voluntary organisation who work with children and families in the area and Community Learning and Development who were interested in using the facilities at the school to host their own training events. After lots of discussion they have agreed that from February onwards they will run a tea and toast session for parents every Wednesday from 9.00-10.30 with Mrs Archibald. The session will follow on from the nursery soft start. The aim of the session is to help develop relationships with parents etc and continue to promote the school as a community hub.

What do children know about curriculum for excellence? When staff talk about curriculum for excellence do the children understand what this means? HT is keen for children to understand this ethos and why they learn what they do. HT has set aside a Friday morning for the whole school to have these conversations and discuss what the curriculum looks like and have the children share this with their parents.

Pantomime is on 21st January in school.

HT has submitted a paper and has discussed the possibility of the old clinic building on the school grounds being opened as a youth club for primary 6-S2/3 children in the Musselburgh area. HT would like this to be used as a transition youth club. If

they decide to go ahead with it the building would need some work to make it wind and water tight. The council need to assess the level of work required to the building. IC will bring this up at the next area partnership meeting to see if they will support this.

7. Teaching Staff/Non Teaching Staff Reps Report

No report available

8. Treasurer Report

Christmas cards made £400; Catherine did a great job coordinating this again. The balance is currently £6,200.93.

9. Fundraising Group Update

No update

10. Musselburgh Area Partnership

The council have now published their draft proposal for the compact housing option. A consultation will be coming out shortly.

The area partnership is trying to engage with young people in the area. They have identified a need for some work to be done to the park in Whitecraig to make it more attractive and young people from the area have been involved in the project. There are a number of projects planned for the pinkie area and young people will be consulted to get their views.

11. East Lothian Association of Parent Council Meetings

There was a presentation delivered on GIRFEC (Getting it right for every child) on the 'named person' legislation brought in by the Government under the children and young person's act. The legislation has been divided into 8 areas; safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible & included. The legislation is effective from August 2016. The named person from ages 0-5 is the Health Visitor, throughout primary school it is the Head Teacher and during Secondary School it is the guidance teacher or pupil support teacher. For school leavers under the age of 18 it is the local authority.

The distribution of commercial flyers in schools was mentioned. There was concern about the administration and the amount of time it takes to distribute flyers for clubs etc. It was agreed that information that promotes sports and health and wellbeing is helpful and should continue to be circulated. ELC plan to develop a policy on how this should happen. HT highlighted that the school will only distribute information that has been fully endorsed by ELC and do not distribute anything else.

IC is part of a sub group made up of all the partnerships in East Lothian to look at a developing a website/mobile app with information on facilities and resources in

the area. The group are keen to develop a look and feel across the whole of east Lothian to tie everything together.

Online payments - to date £180k online payments have been made since it started. ELC are still looking at school lunches but this is not on the cards just yet.

Anti bullying guidelines have been reviewed for ELC by Fraser Parkinson and a consultation will be coming out - IC will put a link on the school facebook page when it comes out.

IC mentioned an e-safety website called www.internetmatters.com where you can learn more about e-safety. It asks you if you are using an IOS or android device and tells you every type of child safety measure you can apply to the device and a step by step guide on how to do this. IC will put a link on the facebook page.

Feedback from the recent food hygiene course was very positive. Anyone who is interested in food hygiene should sign up the next time it is run.

The Scottish parent teacher council sent out a parent council health check and IC has scored the parent council on the matrix provided. IC will raise this at the next meeting and will have a look at this. One key thing is promoting our membership to get more people to come along to the meetings. If anyone has any ideas on how to promote membership please speak to IC. IC suggested that it would be good to try to plan any guest speakers in advance so we can inform parents who would like to come along. All Levenhall nursery parents have been invited to attend the PC meetings already.

12. Incident in the school car park

Reports of some inappropriate behaviour displayed from a parent at school pick up on Friday. Details will be passed on to the police to investigate. Cllr Forrest will report this - **ACTION**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Monday 25th January 2016 at 7pm