



**PINKIE PARENTS
MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7PM
PINKIE ST PETERS SCHOOL**

- Present:** Susan Harkins (Chair)
Suzanne Douglas (Deputy Chair)
Wendy Barber (Treasurer)
Louise Scott (Clerk)
Cllr Stuart Currie
Stephen Dishon
Cllr Andy Forrest
Deborah Forsyth
Pamela Grant
Suzanne Gunn
Marie Hartley
Clare Morley
Gaynor Ross
Heather Young
- Staff in Attendance:** Sarah Ogden (Head Teacher)
Hazel Rae (Deputy Head Teacher)
- Apologies:** Joanne Friend
Helen Gordon (Deputy Head Teacher)
Jade McCarter
Cllr John Williamson

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Following discussion at the last meeting, the parent council would continue to liaise with the appropriate departments of the council regarding the road signage and painting of lines, in regard to the dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the Edenhall Road area. **(Action: Deputy Chair)**. It was agreed that local councillors would look to get confirmation of the planned timing of the new road crossings at Pinkie Road/Ashgrove. **(Action: Councillors)**.

2.2 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) from P6 were in the process of creating posters and a banner to display near the school.

2.3 A number of laptops/chrome books had been donated to the school. Local councillors would continue to get a clear view from the council on the future upkeep and maintenance of such equipment. **(Action: Local Councillors)**.

3. Head Teachers Report

3.1 Ms Ogden began her report by updating on staffing issues. Four new classroom assistants had been appointed, one of which was a trained speech and language therapist – and would be providing some speech and language support to pupils who required it. There was also now additional admin support within the office with 2 part time members of staff joining the team. Sarah Watt would therefore take on the role of supporting the administration of pupil support meetings.

3.2 Ms Wood is returning from maternity leave after the Easter holidays on a part time basis. She would then take on the teaching of P2A alongside Ms Gordon. On this basis Ms Dixon would continue to teach P4A till the end of the academic year. Student teachers had also been supporting both P4 classes. Mr Dove was due to have two weeks paternity leave in the coming weeks. The recruitment of class teachers would continue, and unfilled posts would be re-advertised in April/May.

3.3 Parent consultations were due to take place on 27 and 28 March and a letter would be issued shortly. Ms Snowden would be available on a drop-in basis on one of the days. The possibility of using an automated service for parents to book their own appointments online would be looked at by the school.

3.4 The pupils had been successful in the first round of their applications for Your Voice, Your Choice – with presentations being given tomorrow.

3.5 A new wireless network was being installed in the school providing more reliable connectivity.

3.6 A meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 6 March for P7 parents to meet and discuss fundraising ideas for the P7's end of term events.

3.7 World book day was being celebrated on Thursday, 1 March with children being allowed to dress as their favourite book character – and the monies going towards the P7's fundraising.

3.8 It was raised whether money previously raised by the current P7 Parents for playground equipment, which had not been spent due to the on-going extension and building work in the school, could be used for the P7's fundraising. It was agreed that this would not be appropriate; however Pinkie Parents had already agreed to fund the P7 hoodies this year.

3.9 Class photos would be taken on Monday, 5 March. The school has spoken with the photographer around previous photo quality and costs.

3.10 The school football team had been doing very well recently, in making the final of the recent football tournament and currently top of the league. Some pupils were also about to take part in a cross-country competition. There was discussion around the different sports teams that the school has, and the participation of boys and girls in football. The school was continuing to source a dance instructor and drama teacher.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Wendy provided an update on the account – with an existing balance of £3,600. £900 of this had been set aside for playground equipment.

5. Fundraising Group Update

5.1 The Valentines Discos had gone well with a profit of £266 made.

5.2 The next big fundraising events would be the stall for the Edinburgh Marathon Festival on 27 May and the school fayre, which would take place on Saturday, 9 June.

5.3 There was also discussion around holding Easter/spring events for pupils in the school grounds one Saturday before Easter, and a disco/dance event for older pupils after the Easter holidays. Further discussion would take place at the next fundraising meeting.

5.4 The Christmas cards would also be done this year, and the parent council would look into the possibility of producing calendars.

6. Communications Policy

6.1 A reminder was given about the use of the Facebook page. The Clerk would look into this further and a decision would be made on whether comments could be moderated before publication or the ability to comment removed altogether. **(Action: Clerk).**

7. Any Other Business

Litter

7.1 The issue of litter in the school grounds, mostly during the evening/weekend when the grounds were being used by others, was raised. The school will look into what could be done and whose responsibility it was.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 26 April 2018 – the AGM.