



**PINKIE PARENTS  
MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM  
PINKIE ST PETERS SCHOOL**

- Present:** Pamela Grant (Depute Chair)  
Suzanne Gunn (Treasurer)  
Louise Scott (Clerk)  
Lucy Alderson  
Wendy Barber  
Leigh Cleeton  
Cllr Stuart Currie  
Suzanne Gilhooley  
Stephanie Ng  
Morgan Scott  
Louise Smith
- Staff in Attendance:** Colette Bonnar (Head Teacher)
- Apologies:** Kerry Donaldson  
Suzanne Douglas (Chair)  
Cllr Andy Forrest  
Cllr Katie Mackie  
Becca Pollard  
Cllr John Williamson

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 Pamela welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies, above were noted.

## **2. Matters Arising**

2.1 All outstanding matters arising were in regard to the dissemination of information from the school and these would be taken forward.

## **3. Quality Improvement Officer**

3.1 The new QIO was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but arrangements would be made so that they could attend another meeting as soon as possible.

## **4. Head Teacher's Report**

4.1 Work was being undertaken with teachers on target setting. This would be shared with parents and carers during parent consultations the following week. The School Improvement Plan had been signed off by the Quality Improvement Officer and the final version would be published on the school website.

4.2 Children were invited to attend parent consultations the following week.

4.3 Shared classroom practice work was continuing with a focus on ethos and pivotal work.

4.4 Nurture groups were now in place and going well covering additional support for learning, social and lego groups. Another nurture space was to be created within the school with Yvonne Banks, the new QIO for inclusion visiting the school to look at the challenges the school has. Liaison had also taken place with the inclusion officer from Education Scotland – with different models of support being considered so that children with additional support needs could be fully supported within school. This was being looked at across the whole of East Lothian, and work would form part of the south east collaborative.

4.5 An additional in-service day would be taking place on 22 October.

4.6 Big writing and literacy staff training had taken place, looking at writing throughout the school alongside looking at what other schools within the area had done. Six teachers had shown an interest in leading on this work.

4.7 An additional ten members of staff had been first aid trained.

4.8 A number of areas of other work was continuing, including:

- P7 fundraising – both charity and for the P7 end of year events;
- Maintenance of the secret garden;

- Work with pupils on recycling;
- Playground equipment – a meeting of the subgroup had been held, led by Helen Gordon;
- Nursery expansion – a meeting with planning was due to take place with testing of the ground.

4.9 P3 had been looking at the school library, with a large amount of work required to categorise and organise books. The school would consider what was needed to do this, including a possible ask of parent volunteers.

4.10 The Meet the Teacher event had gone very well, and a survey of parents would take place to get comments on possible improvements to ensure any future events went smoothly.

4.11 Chromebook and tablets which Pinkie Parents had funded were now in use in the school – with the tablets making communication via twitter to the wider school community much easier for teachers and pupils. Drop in sessions had been held for teachers on how to use the new technology with Mr Drysdale leading on ICT with support from Mrs Chisholm, Mr Marshall and Mr Dove.

4.12 Funding was being considered for new audio and assembly equipment with Mrs Bonnar currently putting together a quote.

4.13 Mrs Dickson, ASN auxiliary had left the school to take another post. A new ASN auxiliary, Mrs Cameron had joined the school on a full time basis. Mrs Watt had extended her hours in the office. Ms Thomson would be with the P1 class till June.

4.14 Mrs Bonnar was continuing to have conversations with Enjoy Leisure on the use of school grounds during school time.

4.15 Unfortunately there had been another spate of vandalism within the school with windows being broken and people entering the school building, outwith school time. The police had been involved.

## **5. Treasurer's Update**

5.1 Suzanne provided an update, with the account balance being £6,311.14. A cheque for £51.60 for litter pickers was still to be written, therefore a balance of £6,259.54.

5.2 Suzanne was going to check if payment had been made to the school for the agreed payment to cover tablets. The P7 hoodies were in the process of being ordered, with this cost covered by Pinkie Parents.

## **6. Fundraising Update**

6.1 Details of the Halloween parties had been placed on facebook and letters would be issued to pupils. Parent volunteers were being sought.

6.2 Discussion took place on which party P3/4 pupils should be able to attend. It was agreed that parents would be given a choice.

6.3 A fundraising had taken place with discussions on future events taking place, including a Christmas craft morning which would be a community event for younger pupils. Consideration was also being given to a possible evening movie event for older pupils. Equipment and licensing would need to be considered for this.

## **7. SIP and PEF Subgroup Update**

7.1 Meetings were to be held and Pamela would arrange with Colette.

## **8. Another Other Business**

8.1 The issue of homework and Read, Write Inc was raising with parents not being made aware of how the RWI groups were continuing and a general lack of homework. Colette agreed to raise this with class teachers. **(Action: Colette)**.

8.2 Safety of pupils within the class environment when there was an issue with particular pupils was raised – with Colette stating that the school had clear policies in place – in line with council policy.

8.3 Support staff in the playground was again raised, with parents being made aware of a lack of play interaction. Playground zones were currently being considered along with possible playground supervisors/assistants.

Pinkie Parents  
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