



PINKIE PARENTS MEETING

Pinkie St Peters School

Monday, 27th February 2017

Present: Suzanne Douglas (Vice Chairperson), Deborah Forsyth, Morgan Scott, Louise Scott, Wendy Barbour, Shirley Bailey

Staff in Attendance: Sarah Ogden (Head teacher), Hazel Rae (Deputy Head teacher), Helen Gordon (Deputy Head teacher).

Apologies: Kirsty Sivell, Susan Harkins, Clare Morley

Minutes Taken by: Louise Scott

1. Welcome and Apologies

Suzanne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Meeting: 16th January 2017

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Head Teacher's Report

4.1 Building work

As everyone can see work is well under way on the gym hall. The roof is almost replaced and windows and doors are in the process of being changed.

The door outside the dining room and the door at the end of the bottom corridor have also been replaced.

Weekly updates are on the school website

4.2 Staff news

I want to share Miss Wood's very exciting news- she is expecting her first child which is due 9th July. She is keeping well and we hope that this will continue. As things stand at the moment she will work up to the last week of the summer term.

We are in the process of short listing for interview for 2 positions: Classroom assistant and School auxiliary. We hope to interview in the next few weeks.

Our student teachers, Mr Watters and Mrs Livingstone are working well within the P4a and P5 classes.

4.3 Pupil Equity Funding

Pupil Equity Funding has been allocated by Scottish Government directly to schools, targeted at those children most affected by the poverty related attainment gap.

From April this year £120m will be provided through the Attainment Scotland Fund directly to Head teachers to use for additional staffing or resources they consider will help reduce the poverty related attainment gap.

The funding will reach schools in every local authority area in Scotland and will be distributed on the basis of the numbers of pupils in P1-S3 known to be eligible and registered for free school meals.

Pinkie has been allocated £111600 . We will be working with parents, students and partner agencies to ensure that we use this money as effectively as possible.

4.4 Development plan group

The parents group will meet again this week and look at the positive relationships policy.

4.5 Growth Mindset Drama

We are fortunate to have a drama group coming into school 2nd March to perform a drama based around the growth mind set approach which is used throughout the school.

4.6 Assemblies for parents

A timetable for Friday assemblies has been drawn up . All classes will be involved in presenting one assembly (some classes working with their stage partner class) to which parents are invited.

4.7 Photos

Individual children's photographs will take place March 9th

4.8 Dental Inspections

P1 and P7 dental inspections will take place 21 March

5. Treasurer's Report

Wendy is now the treasurer and all bank accounts had been transferred over to her. There is currently £4,400 in the account whilst still expecting the donation from Edinburgh Marathon Festival for the use of the grounds for last year and this upcoming year. It was agreed that Hazel would chase this.

A funding request form was being trialled in the school allowing pupils to submit funding proposals for whole school or class specific projects. This included a request from P7 pupils who had been working in the school library sorting books. They had requesting funding of £528 to purchase storage boxes for books and cushions and a rug to enable story times in the library. It was agreed that the whole school would benefit from this and the P7's work was much appreciated. The funding was approved.

The school had also requested funding of £400 to purchase purposely made stickers and certificates for pupils who had shown evidence of upholding the school's aims and values. It was agreed that the funding would be provided.

On the basis of this funding being provided, the balance of the account would be £3,462.

6. Fundraising Group Update

The coffee morning held on 3 February was a great success with new parents attending. These would continue on a regular basis and reminders would be placed on the Facebook page.

The school uniform stall was also going very well and a reminder would also be placed on the Facebook page.

A date will be organised soon for the school fayre in June.

7. School Improvement Plan

East Lothian Council will commence a consultation this week on the closure of Levenhall Nursery and formally make it part of Pinkie St Peter's School. This was a technical consultation and would not result in any changes to the current nursery. A drop in session for parents would be held at the school on 8 March.

8. Communication with Wider Parent Forum

This was going well with a podcast being made on the school website, the regular coffee mornings and interaction via the Facebook page with new 'likes' being made. It was agreed that this would be discussed on a regular basis at meetings.

It was also discussed around opening the school one day to the wider local public, following a request from a local based facebook group. Ms Ogden was in discussion with the group around a date and this will be confirmed in the near future.

9. Information Roundup

There was nothing significant to report. Louise would continue to moderate any information and summarise where appropriate and if action from Pinkie Parents was required.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 24 April.