



Comhairle nam Pàrant Taobh na Pàirce - Parent Council

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Meeting minutes

Date 15th November 2017

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order by the chair.		
Apologies			
Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes were approved.		

Matters arising	<p>A bus survey has been sent out to parents.  Small Schemes email has been sent out inviting responses.  Halloween party was successful  Acoustics application completed.  Promotion of easyfundraising carried over  Consultation on school vision complete  Class reps should be better coordinated.</p>	Promote further	All
Treasurer's/Financial report	<p>Bank balance currently £5000. Bake sale raised £200, Halloween Party £500, Christmas cards £1000, Ceilidh £500. Small sums scheme closes 1/12/17.</p> <p>The 'Leith Decides' is being addressed more formally by the fundraising group.</p>		
Items on the agenda			
4a) Co-production group	<p>Brian Thunder reported on the CNP blog and gave an update on GME process in Glasgow - it opened in 2006 as a 3-18 school following a parent-led process. There are now 323 secondary, 493 primary and 75 primary in another school. The key is to stick to the same message and keep repeating it, using tact and diplomacy.</p>		

4b) Playground	<p>Katie Wight gave a summary of the playground process. We await support and guidance from the council, but money will have to be spent. The overall plan is to create a greener and more natural environment, and to use small manageable low cost projects to improve the outdoor areas.</p> <p>A map and track will be developed for the daily mile, a mud kitchen has been built, a hedge will be planted. We require larger and more robust items to encourage imaginative play, and a gradual introduction of more loose parts. Risk assessments will be carried out and staff will be given refreshers. A regular changing of these loose parts will be needed, and many can be provided by the parent body. These will be requested as and when required to avoid storage issues. Wheelie bin storage needs to be discussed.</p> <p>Learning day will be spent outdoors, using blocks and loose parts. Pupil representatives are being consulted on the playground. A sapling fence has been planted.</p>		
4c) Road Safety	<p>Issues crossing Anderson Place have been raised with the Council, who are the only people that can address it.</p> <p>The Silvermills crossing point has still not been installed. The PC has been told that it will be done, but not given a date for its installation.</p>		

4d) Wraparound group	<p>Tennant St is very difficult to cross, and buses should be prevented from parking on the pedestrian crossing. A letter is to be drafted and sent out.</p> <p>Wraparound care being provided onsite is no longer guaranteed from 2019. The provision of onsite wraparound is included as part of the consultation process.</p>		
4e) Events	<p>Events to date have been very successful, and thanks were passed to all involved. Those interested in the Christmas Feill were asked to email, however informal their help could be.</p>		
4f) Acoustics	<p>The funding application deadline has passed. In a pool of 12, 2 will go forward to be assessed. There is a high level of awareness surrounding the acoustics project. If funding is not available, sound absorbing panels are an option. More news regarding funding will be available in January. If awarded, the first sums will be needed to purchase the panels themselves.</p>		

<p>Headteacher's report</p>	<p>Staffing: The HT welcomed Iona Brown to the leadership team. Shona Hart will be on maternity leave from Easter. Charlotte Peterson will be off work for some time, so the Council has appointed a supply teacher of Clarsach.</p> <p>Website: The school website has been upgraded, and there is now a framework. Knowing what information people seek from the website would be useful - such as the school policy, school diary, and access to class blogs.</p> <p>Please email any ideas regarding access to social media to the school office. MOL offered her help with this.</p> <p>Enrolment week: Currently 75 enrolled for August's P1 intake. Classing plan to be submitted in November and shared with the Parent council at the end of December.</p> <p>Gaelic language communication: Why does the school not send out bilingual communication? CnP does. The additional translation burden would need to be funded, and this is perhaps something to feed into the Gaelic Language plan and campaigned for. Any template for the translation of written communications would need to be very high</p>		<p>MOL</p>
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	<p>standard - perhaps something that could be addressed via the small sums scheme?</p> <p>School community: 1 in 5 children in scotland now living in poverty. The school supports many families. The council has issued a new brochure addressing this, which will be referenced in the school newsletter, also naming those staff that can help. The availability of coats, hats and gloves that can be offered is key.</p> <p>There is a link between children in poverty and literacy issues.</p> <p>Active schools: TNP has the second highest uptake for active schools in Scotland. Parkour in particular has received positive feedback. Primary 5 are undertaking a block funded by the PC. The Hibs tots football program is very positive, as well as the Yoga, fencing, judo and after schools program.</p> <p>The HT will send out a program of christmas events soon.</p> <p>There is no update on the facilities management consultation.</p>		
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