

Parent Council Meeting 15th January 2019

Attendees: Fiona Coyle, Elizabeth Barron-Majerik, Laura Dudek, Debs Swan, Lynn Lambert, Bryan Johnston, Lewis Simpson, Gaynor Hood, Kay Bisset, Shelley Cameron, Sam Wells, Michelle Jamieson, Emma Smith, Louise Walsh, Lynzi Stewart, Margo Latham, Shona Campopiano, Claire McFarlane

Apologies – Wendy Reid, Victoria Ritchie, Angela Thomson

Agenda		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>CMc welcome everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Wendy Reid, Victoria Ritchie and Angela Thomson</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Meeting 27th September 2018</p> <p>CMc asked if there were questions/comments about previous minutes, nothing noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurers Update</p> <p>CMc provided an update on the recent fundraising events. Halloween Disco - £1093, disco went well with 2 discos P1-P4 and P5-P7. Any feedback from parents is welcomed. No issues on the night.</p> <p>Parents evening - £105 from sale of school uniform</p> <p>Christmas Raffle - £1005, great event and lots of good prizes donated.</p> <p>Total in bank - £2600</p> <p>Parent Council would like to focus on outdoor learning this year.</p> <p>It's estimated that the Rag bag will raise £200.</p>	
4.	<p>Fundraising and Future Plans</p> <p>Bingo Tea – 23rd February, Church Hall has been booked. The event is aimed at families and we are looking for donations of unwanted Christmas presents which could be used as prizes.</p> <p>Easter Fun day – this was a great success last year. Planned for 14th April.</p> <p>Other events being considered for rest of year –</p> <p>Spring Disco</p> <p>Bag Pack</p> <p>Recipe book – KB will be responsible for organising and has suggested timings coincide with Bake Off. Pupils will be asked to provide recipes for the book and they would then be on sale prior to Christmas.</p>	

	<p>CMc – Parent Council reminded people that the Fundraising group is always looking for volunteers and if you want to be involved in any event or have any suggestions for future events please get in touch.</p>	
5.	<p>Lost Property</p> <p>There has been a huge improvement since Alison? has taken responsibility for sorting. Parent Council have a lot of uniform washed and ready for selling at next opportunity. All bottles are labelled with date that they are found so that they can be disposed of after suitable period of time.</p>	
6	<p>Parking in and around school</p> <p>LW – Recently had experience of Stagecoach bus mounting pavement. LW reported this to Stagecoach and they have CCTV of the incident. An Inspector will be out the next 3 days to monitor the situation and findings will be reported back on Friday 18th January.</p> <p>LW invited people to make suggestions on possible solutions. LW suggested some hard hitting material, nothing that has been done so far has had any impact. Stagecoach were not aware that the Wheel Inn had closed and this may impact on parking in the near future.</p> <p>LD asked LS if the timetable had been adjusted previously to avoid the situation, LW confirmed this had been done but it caused complaints from residents. LD stated that the Wheel Inn is not used well enough.</p> <p>LW advised that the lollipop lady has asked parents not to park on double yellow lines but it is not her responsibility. LD confirmed some parents have had fines.</p> <p>CMC - Some parents need to take car in morning so they can get to work, we need to try and address the situation. ML suggested a personal letter to the parents involved. DS suggest a WOW scheme where parents are rewarded with badges if they walk to school to encourage them. KB suggested a walking train. LW commented that we need to try a target in a positive way before there is an accident.</p> <p>LD asked if it was possible to share the CCTV?</p>	
7.	<p>LS commented that it was nice to see so many people attend the meeting. LS advised that there had been a cut out child to raise awareness of the children walking around school. Not everyone parking badly is breaking the law.</p>	

	<p>LS met with Daryl? Who had carried out a road safety survey. CMc will invite Daryl to the next meeting. There is currently work ongoing at the park to clean the pond. A new park warden is starting early March. Getting it Right event is taking place on 7th March and open to everyone, LS has previously attended and recommends.</p> <p>LS provided an update on Council budget advising that the budget is reducing although exact figures are not know yet. 2019 is the year for Active travel and Sustrans have funding available. There is also funding available from Bike Life.</p>	CMc
8.	<p>LL welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Parent Council for the fundraising efforts as after essentials there is not much left in the school budget for much else.</p> <p>Mrs Burke is now Headteacher at Ruthvefield Primary. Mrs Wright will be going on maternity leave at Easter holidays and a plan is currently being put in place. The specialist provision is currently recruiting so Mrs Marshall is teaching at the moment, the vacancy is currently advertised.</p> <p>P1 enrolment is taking place, this will allow planning to start once LL has a better idea of numbers. 66 P7's will be leaving in June.</p> <p>This is a busy terms with lots happening. P4 & 5 will do a show before Easter and P6 & 7 will do a show in June. The Christmas Events raised approximately £1000.</p> <p>As part of the School improvement we have been asking pupils what matters. RDM Vision "Where we Think big, aim high and reach our destiny together." Time will be taken to invest in outdoor learning.</p> <p>LL advised there is lots coming up including – World Book Day Cross Country Hockey Glee P4/5 show Shared School – French</p> <p>DS explained that the school was looking at what other opportunities could be offered to pupils. So this terms they will have opportunity to work across year groups. P1-3 Tues and P4-7 Wednesday, they will have the opportunity to develop different skills including – teamworking, baking, visiting care home and tennis.</p> <p>DS advised the sports committee will plan activities and</p>	

	<p>work with the specialist provision. Eco group will look at leadership skills.</p> <p>LD explained the school is going to work toward achieving 'Rights respecting schools'. RDM will start at the beginning and look at Fair Trade. P4-7 will participate in a survey and P1-3 will participate as a class. EBM spoke of her experience of a previous school who had achieved and commented on the positive impact it had.</p> <p>A polytunnel is to be fitted in the school and the nursery will be hatching chicks.</p> <p>LM spoke about Food for Thought funding available and suggested that the school could considering options for raised beds in playground including auctioning off and people are then responsible for caring for their area. LW is currently applying for Bags for Help so could potentially tie in. GH suggested community groups could be responsible for boxes in playground.</p> <p>LL asked for feedback on the school reports and what would parents like to see. BJ suggested asking parents for 5 things they want to know about their child. EBM suggested that teacher choose 5 things they want to tell parents. LL confirmed that there is statutory information that needs to be provided. ML commented that personal information must be accurate as had previously received incorrect information.</p>	
9.	SeeSaw, school app and website	
10.	AOCB Date of next meeting: 20 th March at 7pm	