**Parent Council Meeting Minutes 09/01/2018**

**Present:**

Denise MacColl Head Teacher

Louise Baillie Principle Teacher

Kenny Wilson Vice Chairperson

Justine Conn Chairperson

Claire Crawford Community Practitioner

Joanne Ward Parent

Tara Wilson Treasurer

Lizzy Murray Secretary

**Agenda**

Christmas Fayre

Future Education Scotland Visit

Parental engagement

Funding

Burns Night/Afternoon

Bank Account

After school clubs

Next Parents meeting

**Christmas Fayre**

* Christmas fayre was a great success, over £1000 raised.
* Parents agreed that it was a great night and was good to see kids, families and staff interacting.
* Parents preferred not paying to get in and the variety of stalls and activities that they could do.
* Want to do similar events throughout the year.

**Future Education Scotland Visit**

* + Denise spoke about Education Scotland was due to come back near Easter, and the school is continuing to make progress.
  + All teachers have new planners with teachers focusing on literacy and numeracy
  + Denise went over the importance of raising levels of literacy and numeracy attainment to prepare children for secondary school.
  + From the set-up of the numeracy groups it has shown there has been 20-30% increase in progress from the groups within 6 weeks

**Parental Engagement**

* + Claire has been working alongside heart and soul in Cumnock hope more parents can come along
  + Possibility of no gala day this year for the community, Denise felt it was important that the school does something during the summer holidays and that the school can work with the community
  + P2/3 has tried a postal service
  + Possibility of Restorative practice information session, parents liked the idea and said they would come along. Denise went over the positives of managing conflict with a restorative approach.
  + Parents raised that their children have not received a book for the bug club they prefer their children to half the book also. Denise will pass this information on to staff to ensure each child gets one.
  + Parents commented that they liked the Christmas fayre advert and that more of it needs to be done with the children, parents agreed that children are to make an advert for the Restorative Practice workshop
  + Denise mentioned getting the parents and children involved in the values and visions for the school, and would it be a good idea to get some support from another section to support this. Denise put forward the idea of doing a talkshop during a Burns Supper and that way most of the community is also involved. Parents agreed.
  + Relationships policy to be built around Restorative Approaches which is part of EAC Relationships Framework.
  + Denise to get copy of the Framework for Committee to look at.

**Burns Night**

* + Logan does not have a community Burns Supper.
  + Agreed to have a talkshop incorporated into the Burns Supper
  + Children to perform
  + Speaker to be invited, Joanne’s partner is a member of the Burn’s Club and could get a speaker to come along.
  + Invite Gala Committee to get their ideas

**Funding**

* + NFU grants available Denise to apply for funding for a poly tunnel
  + Plenty of space available although site permission will be required
  + Denise went over the importance of parents agreeing and helping out as the issue the school has is that it shuts for a long time of the holidays, volunteers would be needed to check and care to plants and animals during this time.
  + 150 trees are on their way for the school to plant and make use of the grounds
  + Denise is having difficulty spending the PEF, 3bids needed before monies is released
  + Denise hoping to get an outdoor wooden classroom
  + Drama specialist has been agreed and will be coming in soon to work with all the classes.
  + Full classroom set of computers have been purchased taking it from 13 to 26 laptops.
  + Kenny felt that the outdoor area will be a good way to get Logan’s youth involved in the care of the outdoor area, most work in manual labour sector.
  + Further meeting to be arranged to go over PEF with Committee.

**Bank Account & Meetings**

* + Parent Council have yet to set up a bank account
  + Chairperson, secretary and treasurer to co-sign cheques
  + Important that bank account is set up for future funding and grants
  + Parents to set up their own meetings and invite the school along, they do not need to wait on the school setting up the meetings.

**School Website**

* + School website is up and running, committee encouraged to get other parents to log on as there is not a lot of traffic on it.
  + School calendar is available
  + Picture of school events
  + School adverts
  + Parents Council also has its own section, Chairperson to type up and introduction
  + The Website is safe
  + Committee liked the idea of having an APP for school updates idea brought up by Mrs Baillie and was given the go ahead by council
  + With the App parents will get notifications anytime there is something added
  + Opt in or out will be given to all parents and carers.

**After School Club**

* + Children have identified that they would like a dancing and gymnastic to be made available to them after school
  + Scott Guy (Vibrant Communities) will run a 10 week block of gymnastics
  + School has agreed to pay the lease and instructor fee.
  + Council agreed that it should be a class that parents would have to pay for

And possibility of children putting on a show at the end of the 10 weeks

**Next Parent Council Meeting**

* + Arranged for Tuesday 23rd January @ 2pm
  + Agenda – PEF fund, Website presentation to parent council with promethean board
  + Future event planning (already put forward: Outdoor Cinema in the lighter nights; Daffodil Tea; Summer Show)

**To Do list for Denise:**

* School App given the go ahead from Parent Council
* Apply NFU for funding on behalf of the parent council for poly tunnel
* Arrange talkshop for Burns Supper
* Arrange Restorative Approaches information session for parents with children putting together an advert for it.
* Children to get the book for their bug club homework, parents prefer having the book in addition to the activities on the app.