
In Attendance

In Attendance: Karen Shirkie (Chair); Fiona McKinnon (Sec); Lynsey Paal; Jill Ferguson; Ashley Shankland and Judith Govans

Apologies: Elaine Wilson; Dawn Kilday

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report

Hilary and Karen still trying to sort out transfer of bank to Ashley as new treasurer. £176.30 raised at Christmas time. Current total in bank is £1933.52, however some money to be taken off for fun time Friday equipment and let for hall (disco).

Secretary report

Nil new

HeadTeacher report

Staffing

- Mrs McCaig successfully interviewed for permanent 0.8 post in December 2019
- Staffing complement - 1 x HT, 1 x PT, 3 x fulltime (Miss Burleigh, Miss McLean and Mrs McKenna), 3 x pointage (0.8 Mrs McCaig, 2 x 0.6 Mrs Cook and Mrs Ferguson)
- Still to receive new staffing figures and CA allocation from HR
- Mrs Cook in school for several KIT days until Easter

P1 intake

- Enrolled 12 x P1 pupils for August 2020 start
- Much smaller number than previous two years
- Will have a knock-on effect - very likely to result in class structure changes and teaching changes next year

Property update

- New partition doors installed in hall
- New corporate laptops and PCs installed

- Property walk round last week - plans to replace carpets, paint classes and corridors, replace sink units in classes, update staffroom and staff offices, replace fire doors throughout school and update playground features
- PS kitchen being upgraded over summer holidays 2020 to become a functioning kitchen again for PS and ECC meals from August 2020

Upcoming events

- Committee Groups - all have clear focus about what they want to achieve. Groups include: Intergenerational, DYW, Inclusion, Digital Learning, French and JRSO - some wonderful activities being arranged!
- Family Ceilidh - Thursday 30th January 6.30-8.30pm in hall
- Scots Verse Judging and Scots Verse Celebration Afternoon - Friday 31st January @ 1.45pm
- School photos - Wednesday 19th February
- DASH Robot event - Miss Burleigh and two pupils - 19.02.20
- P4-P7 - Theatre production and workshops 'HOPE' - focus on bullying and resilience, paid by PEF
- P7, Mrs Schendel and Mrs McKenna to Dolphin House - Monday 24th February to Thursday 27th February
- 4 x P6 pupils at Euroquiz event at Whattriggs PS - Tuesday 25th February AM
- Whole school - Theatre production of 'Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff A Bus' - focus on Scots language and traditions - Wednesday 4th March AM
- Numeracy Morning - Thursday 5th March - open morning for parents/carers and family to see how Active Numeracy is taught throughout the school
- Scholastic Book Fair - Friday 6th March
- P7 Transition Event - Friday 6th March
- RSHP - Parents Information sessions - Thursdays 12th and 19th March
- YESC Showcase at Dumfries House - Mrs McCaig and Miss Robb with pupils to highlight STEM and DYW focus
- K'Nex Quarter Final at Auchinleck Academy - 2 x P6 pupils - Tuesday 24th March
- Reports home and Parents Night - Wednesday 1st April
- Easter Service @ 9.30am - Wednesday 1st April
- Last day of Term 3 - Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm

Education Scotland update

- HT received word on 17th December that ES had signed off both PS and ECC. HT and PC Chair met today to review letter from EAC - letter agreed and sent back. Once HT receives confirmed letter from Head of Education a copy will be posted online and sent home to all parents/carers, and published in the local press

Future priorities

- Staff working together to create School Improvement Plan for session 20/21.
- Focus on: new class planning overviews, embedding EAC Progression Planners for BGE, Literacy focus on Talking and Listening and Numeracy focus on Number Talks strategies and assessment

Curriculum Rationale and Vision, Values and Aims

- All PS and ECC staff, teaching and non-teaching, consulted on review of Vision, Values and Aims and Curriculum Rationale with collated results being produced into Catrine PS and ECC posters.
- Pupils consulted through Home Circles
- Wider school community regularly consulted via monthly questionnaires on GLOW
- Curriculum Rationale - central focus: what we want for our children and young people, and how we are going to work together to achieve this
- Under four headings which encompass both ECC and PS: Care, Commitment, Play and Quality Learning and Teaching - again, answers from all staff collated
- Border contains words which permeate all aspects of daily interactions at both establishments

AOCB

A Facebook page was discussed at the last meeting, some further information and advice has been sought from EAC. KS and FMcK attended meeting with JG where further discussion took place. Agreed at that meeting, that in view of EAC advice that FB is not supported, that this should be put on hold. JG stated that EAC do support GLOW, school app and Twitter. Staff will be trained on how to use Twitter, then school will also use this.

Agreed at this meeting that Facebook will not be used. We also discussed that parents have personal responsibility to check GLOW/ school app for information.

Next Meeting

24th March 2020