

Parent Council Minutes

14th January 2019

Previous minutes

Approved by D. Frame and E. Oliphant

Matters Arising

- L. Potter, J. Hepburn and B. Elder are going to a meeting about how to correctly apply for a Lottery Grant
- The car park situation is getting better, less crowded

Correspondence

No correspondence

Treasurer's Report

There is currently £1,426.40 in the bank account. £69 of this is designated to Young Persons Services. An additional £30 has been raised by the Parent Council, so the final figure is £1,456.40. Departments are being asked to make a wish list for what they want to buy to spend some of the money.

School Report

- Before Christmas the 1st years went to see a play of A Christmas Carol
- Christmas jumper day was successful, over ½ a ton was donated to the food bank. The biggest donation the school has given
- The Christmas dances for 1st and 2nd, 5th and 6th year went well
- This Christmas the school service was held in the school (in the big gym hall) due to bad weather conditions. We also had a performance from an up and coming band called Kardo.
- The Christmas merit reward was a trip to the cinema, over 400 pupils went. The staff in Cineworld were pleased with the behaviour of the pupils
- The school panto was successful and everyone who attended enjoyed it, the schools talent was on show
- 4th year prelims have all been marked and the majority of people will have got their results back. A report of everyone's results is being sent out so parents can see what their child got
- The IT department have got 2 new staff members: Tina Oman (new Tech teacher) and Colin Lamont who will start on 4th February (new Computing teacher)
- The council are looking to cut technicians jobs to save £160,000. There are going to be 2 technicians for the whole of East Renfrewshire starting this August
- The school review team with 17 members looked at the school and teaching to see where quality needed improving. The report consisted of 8 focus groups of pupils and 6 of staff, which helped finalise the report

Achievement

- The feedback from all the surveys has been reviewed and the result is 3 different achievement certificates: Excellence, Achievement and Honour.
- Pupils in 1st year will be completing the Sports Achievement award, where pupils in the past completed the John Muir award, this will give every pupil the opportunity to achieve at least one award.
- We will now give out SQA awards based on SQA points, for N5 pupils need to have 7 or more passes to get an award and for higher pupils need 3 Highers at a C to get an award.
- Keeping Dux
- The Parent Council thanks the school for valuing their opinion

AOCB

- The school website hasn't been updated since last year, still got old Head Boy and Head Girl on it
- Enquiry about the possibility for the minutes to be published on the school website so that parents that are unable to go to meetings can see what is talked about
- The Conic Hill walk is set to be the 11th May
- L. Potter has to speak to the contact at the train station regarding the Mental Health posters going up
- Need to see if there is a possibility about there being another Cluster Concert as there hasn't been one in a few years
- SMHW mix up regarding the February holiday, parents getting notifications saying the school was shut on 14th January when it wasn't
- Look into why the school phones were down. Possibly because there was too many calls coming in at the one time
- The school website doesn't have the school email or any contact details on it
- Quiz night 1st March. 110 limit, people can buy tickets on ParentPay. Raffle prizes needed, bring 1 dish each for catering, David McArthur is the quiz master and raffle tickets are being sold in advanced

Next meeting

4th February 2019