

## Parent Council Minutes

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Present:** J. Hepburn, B. Elder, N. Uthmani, E. Oliphant, R. McKay, P. Bradley, D. McArthur, M. Stewart, M. Turbun, L. Millar, A. McNaught, L. More, J. Blackwood, R. McKay, M. Hyslop, M. Stewart

**Apologies:** G. Maybury, D. Frame, K. Foye, J. Rawling, L. McArthur, S. McArthur

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Previous minutes approved by Lesley Millar & Evelyn Oliphant

### **2. Matters Arising**

Waitrose have been in touch re the token.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

Parent Council fund is currently sitting at £2581.

£1950 deposited for the fishing group. They have £1100 if their total.

Cheque issued to the school for £1000 to contribute towards the cost of a laser cutter

We may no longer need a visualiser now we have boxes linked to each of the Prometheans which have various apps including a Mirror app.

### **4. School Report**

- Standards and Quality Report is currently being collated.
- There has been some recent discussion around PSA allocation. As part of the council budget cuts (after a wide consultation) it was proposed and accepted posts would be lost. We are disappointed to have lost 25 hours but aware some schools may have lost more hours.
- The technician saving has now gone through with a view to implementation in August. All senior technicians were removed from the allocation to be replaced with only 2 seniors across the authority. We were concerned about losing our multi media technician therefore we have chosen to fund to our multi media technician as we move towards an increasingly digitalised curriculum.
- Mrs Crawford is retiring. We are replacing initially with a temporary post which has been advertised across the authority. Mr Sinclair has intimated he does not intend to still be in post by the end of the new session.
- The award ceremonies stated today. The new processes for nominating are now in place following our recent review. Mr Sinclair explained the new criteria for receiving an award.
- Parent commented that the video shown today at the S1 award ceremony was good and asked if it could be put on the school website. L. Potter will look to see if this is possible as will be dependant on who is featuring. Another parent commented that the new process for nominating will help motivate pupils to identify what is they need to work on for next session. Another parent felt the award ceremonies are a great way of recognising pupil achievement.

- Show My Homework has now been running for the session. Mrs Crawford has asked for some parental feedback on the app.
  - Feedback needs to be consistent
  - Marks is the most straightforward
  - What do the grades actually mean?
  - Miss Bradley commented the majority of English homework is not graded so would be difficult to show a grade on SMH.
  - Some discussion around general marking and how feedback is shared with parents.
  - We need to ensure the feedback is to the young person as it is very important.
- Primary parent information evening is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- Discussion around work experience arrangements. Parents are keen that the current model continues – all pupils out in S4 with flexible arrangements in place when required.
- Wellbeing day was a great day all round, well received by parents, staff and pupils. Request to open to senior pupils but difficult to support such large numbers.

## 6. AOCB

- Confirmation on whether there will be a parent council involvement on Mrs Crawford's replacement
- Jean has all PC Chairs on a WhatsApp group
- Congratulations on the sports dinner event which was very well received. A list of items were sent to Jean and parents donated items to the list. The school appreciates this. The PC are keen to support the work of the PE department. Thank you to Moodies who donated the volunteers awards and medals.
- Thank you to Mr MacKay for setting up the Twitter account
- PE department are looking for funds to support a trip to Dynamic Earth
- PC will volunteer the tuck shop at the next Showcase Event
- Issues in being logged out of SMH.
- School website has been down over the weekend but we believe the system was being updated.
- PC minutes need to be added to the school website.
- Rainbow Run on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Anybody who registers for it in the school's names the school will receive £2. Pupils from the school can run free if we can man check points – parent council have been asked to help with this.

## 7. Dates for next session:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept AGM**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

**Additional Inservice Days**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020