



'You can never aim too high'

Date: Thursday 23rd January

Time: 15:30

In Attendance

Mrs Bradshaw (PB)

Mrs McQuade (LMc)

Keyleigh Paterson (KP)

Mhairi Gilfillan (MG)

Marc Gilfillan (MaG)

Apologies

Jenna Shanks (JS)

Neve McDonald (NM)

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School Update by PB

Learning Partnership

PB recently met with representatives from Strathallan and St Pauls Primary Schools as part of the Learning Partnership. This is a initiative to share ideas / feedback from similar schools

As part of the Learning Partnership, Sinclairtown as assessed on various levels of standards / quality measures. It is really encouraging to see that across the board, we have achieved higher ratings due to improvements being put in place by the staff and pupils – well done all!

As part of the assessment, the moderator was shown around the school by pupils who were happy to celebrate all the great pieces of work going on. A number of strengths were noted, including :

- The Ethos
- Positive environment
- Strong relationships (both staff and pupils)
- Collaboration of staff
- Shared expectations across the classes
- Strength of the pupil voice being heard and impacting decision making
- Pupil council improvements being put in place

The next steps for continual improvement include :

- Staff observing each other to share ideas / gather constructive feedback
- Liaising with other schools for shared ideas
- Pupils requesting some more challenging learning in place
- Positive engagement with parents

Attendance

The Scottish Government set a national attainment level of attendance at 95% per pupil.

Did you know that if you take a 2 week term time holiday (with no other days off), a pupils attendance will be 94.7%, already falling below the national target. Also, being 15 minutes late each day equates to two weeks learning being missed!

As always, the school continues to advocate for and support parents in the importance of school attendance.

Anti-Bullying / Positive Relationships

PB has been working with pupils on updating the anti-bullying policy. This is in collaboration with the school and pupils – the pupils are currently working on a pupil friendly version to share. Anti-Bullying is a strong focus in building positive relationships and is everyone responsibility to implement and follow restorative conversations to resolve incidents

Please refer to the school newsletter for further information

Pupil Council

LMc met with the pupil council to gather feedback on what they would like the parent council to be aware of/ what funding priorities they would like. This was a really worthwhile exercise and thank you to everyone who took part. We have some great ideas thanks to the feedback from pupils and will be following up in due course.

Parent Engagement

As new members have joined the parent council, a questionnaire was sent out from KP to gather feedback from parents regarding the council and possible improvements going forward. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond, all these responses have been really worth while and will be followed up to ensure we listen, engage and act accordingly. Already, a few great ideas have been put forward to increase parent participation, including –

- Parent Council attending parents nights
- Providing drop in / social sessions to get to know parents better
- Creating a presentation on the parent council and what we hope to achieve / how to get involved
- Organising a cuppa and chat session

Please keep an eye out on the Friends of Sinclairtown Facebook page for more information

P7 Leavers

PB advised that the P7 leavers activities is usually organised by the pupils and staff. The parent council is here to support any activities / events for this important milestone

Annual school photograph

MG brought a question from several parents regarding the scheduling of the pupil school photograph as it is quite late in the school year. PB advised that the scheduling is set by Tempest who carry out the national programme of school photographs.

Next Meeting: TBC

