

## Minutes of Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 9 January 2019

### Present

Shona Vincent, Owen Hannen, Janice Rankin, Mharit Hulbert, Irma Westwood, Madeline McCutcheon, Paula Coy, Kirsty Reid, Kevin Stuart, Emma Morris, Hannah May, Lynsey Will

### Apologies

Anne-Marie Ballantyne, Catherine Hirst, Ailsa Stinson

### Office Bearer Appointment

Anne-Marie Ballantyne was proposed for the position of Secretary by Shona and seconded by Owen.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Everyone had received the minutes from the previous meeting. No points were raised. Proposed by Owen, seconded by Janice.

### Travel Plan

Irma advised that the Travel Plan for school session 2018/2019 has been completed and is available to view on the school website. The main points are that the aim is to discourage driving and encourage active travel to school. Statistics given show that there has been an increase of 11% in the number of children walking to school from the previous school year, and a decrease of 7% in the number of children being driven to school. The travel tracker is used by each class in school and Irma receives monthly updates from Living Streets – at the end of 2018 85% of journeys to school were active journeys.

The Pupil Council ran a road safety poster campaign last term.

The issue of dangerous parking was raised again and Paula advised that cases can be referred to the police. She also advised that the school are entitled to purchase bollards depicting small lollypop men/ladies with a sign saying 'don't park here' to put out on the road. Irma will look in to this.

### School Dinner Video

The production of a video showing how the school dinner process works came about due to some negative comments on the parents Facebook page. The video was made by some P7 pupils and Mr Stuart. It was shown to the meeting and is available to view on the school website. Hannah noted that it is a very good education for parents. Kevin advised that he is welcoming any suggestions for other videos which the children could produce which would allow parents to see how things work in school.

## Social Media and Connect

Shona advised that the parents Facebook page has been set up by parents only and is nothing to do with the school. There has been some incorrect information on the page which has led to some complaints and this in turn has a demoralising effect in school. A discussion was held and it was wondered if there are perhaps too many administrators and not enough control as messages are not monitored before they are posted. It is not the job of the Parent Council to deal with anything arising from this page as it is not an officially recognised platform used by the school.

Vivienne Cross will be running a course on social media in schools – Shona will pass any information she receives on to Ailsa and ask her to encourage people to attend.

## PEF

Madeline outlined how PEF funding is being used to tackle inequities this year.

- Whole school restorative training
- Playground patrol
- 10 hours PSA
- 3 hours music instructor delivering choirs
- SkillForce – 2 groups of children are doing the Prince William Award – the children who have been targeted for this are RAF children and those who are engaging in inappropriate behaviour
- An aerobics instructor is in school two afternoons per week delivering sessions with cultural themes
- Elgin Academy has provided access to a maths teacher who is working with two groups of children identified as needing extra support
- An auxiliary is working on ICT 'skills for life' in the lower deciles
- Lower stages activities have been introduced – eg. a walking group

## Draft Curriculum Rationale

Madeline advised that she is in the early stages of re-writing the school curriculum rationale. The following sections are included:

- Vision and values
- Location
- Catchment
- Local industries
- Heritage
- Children and community view of ACORN
- School aims
- Learning experiences
- 4 contexts of learning

The visual representation of the curriculum rationale will be in the form of acorns in an oak tree.

### Draft Dignity at Work Policy

This policy is being combined with the Collegiality policy which was outlined by Madeline. She talked through the points in the policy and asked everyone to contact her if they felt there was anything which they felt needed to be added.

### PTF Christmas Fayre

Madeline had asked the PTF for a financial update and was advised that the Christmas Fayre made a profit of £3465 which is a fantastic effort for which everyone should be congratulated.

### AOCB

Irma advised that the recent book fair generated the fantastic amount of £1120 and she is taking great pleasure in spending it (on books for the school!)

### Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 6pm.