

# **Braidhurst Parents Group Meeting**

## **20<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

### **1. Present and Welcome**

LM      L.H   DC  
JM      JM    CW  
RW      DY  
RA      LH  
CR      LD  
MM      CL

### **Apologies**

Jackie Thomson  
Cllr Annette Valentine  
Cllr Paul Kelly

### **2. Approved Minutes**

DC & LH

### **3. Matters arising from last meeting**

CW Display board for entrance if still required

### **4 & 5. HT Report & PEF Update**

A. Staffing – we currently have a full complement of staff

B. Building – our building is looking well. Ceiling repaired in PE, painting nearly finished although some work being redone following the filming over the summer; new pitch is currently being laid but work held up due to the weather. Still hoping to be completed after BBC were in during the summer – meeting on Thursday about getting this organised. Also managed to get some furniture and equipment from Cumbernauld Academy to enhance some departments.

C. School Improvement Plan was discussed at the last meeting. An edited version is currently being delivered at assemblies to ensure pupils are fully aware of the aims and a poster is being displayed around the school. A glossary has been compiled of all the acronyms used, as previously requested by the parent group, and will be uploaded onto the website along with a copy of the plan and the edited pupil version.

D. Vision/Values/Aims – We are looking at rewriting the vision and are seeking the views of parents. Possible letters to be sent home issued and discussed. Pupils have also been informed through assemblies.

E. Poster for DYW – 7 key skills we will be concentrating on to highlight skills needed for lifelong learning and work. Poster shown to group.

F. Posters for teaching and learning group – clear expectations of both pupils and classroom practice – are currently being printed. These are a summary of the main points as discussed last term in the teaching and learning policy.

G. Christmas Fayre – this will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. This is being organised by staff but are requesting help from the parent group on the night. A proposal of the how the evening will run was issued.

H. PEF Update – this term we have three members of staff leading the initiative – J McKenna, P Brandon, M Paterson – who will attend the meetings to update parents.

J McKenna explained how they are currently receiving bids and organising interventions. The breakfast club has already started. We are receiving food from Aldi, mainly fresh fruit, bread and other perishables for the club. We have had so much we have also managed to send some bags of food home for some of our pupils.

I. S1 information night – Planned for 29<sup>th</sup> August. Parents requested to serve tea/coffees and also speak to parents.

J. Parental engagement – this is high on the school improvement agenda for next session. CR asked L McGurk (Home School Partnership Officer) and L Lyttle (PT PS) to speak as they are taking the lead on this specific item. L McG spoke about the document ‘Learning Together’ and how they are looking at how we can get parents to engage more with the school. They are setting up a small focus group to elicit opinion. LB will represent the parent group. They are planning to have a stall at the information evening and ask parents to complete a short survey on ipad. A discussion followed about various forms of communication available. L McG stated she would keep the parent group informed of her findings.

## **6. Financial Report**

Pupils pay £10 per locker with £5 returned at end of the year. Prom booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at Dalziel Park. Blackpool was really good.

Homework diaries handed out.

£1748.02 in bank.

£500 given the approval by PTA for the Connections Festival

## **7. Fundraising Events**

Race Night date to be agreed

Date also to be agreed with Mary’s Angel for night. Tin collection for Fir Park awaiting date

## **8. Reminder of date for the next meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm in the school library

No further business