**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 30th January 2018**

Attendees

Catriona Pettigrew-Smith, Chair

Kirsty McKinnell, Treasurer

Audrey Smith, Parent

John Stirling, Parent

Tom Fisher, Parent & Councillor

Mhairi Boustead, Parent

Mark Cairns, Head Teacher

Gillian Fannan, Councillor

Apologies: Linda McCann, Lynn Ross, Margaret Forbes, Sharon McLellan, Lynn Hutcheson, William Goldie

Minutes of last meeting

Amendments – Colin Dunlop to be added to list of attendees; Gillian Fannan to be added to list of apologies.

Chairperson’s report

* Christmas Market held on 13 December 2017 and given the short timescale to organise was reasonably successful raising over £770.
  + Special thanks to Audrey Smith for her tremendous work in pulling this event together and for Mhairi Boustead for all her help.
  + Intention is to make this an annual event.
  + CPS & AS to get together to post mortem the event to identify what to keep and what to change.
  + One parent came forwards as wishing to join PC, AS to provide email address & CPS to contact.
* CPS, AS & MB attended the S1 information evening on 11th January, presented on role of parents & parent council. One parent came forwards as wishing to join PC from August, CPS to contact.
* CPS received notification of NLC’s intention to rezone an area within Abronhill from Greenfaulds High to Cumbernauld Academy. Consensus was that this proposal made sense and would be positive for CA.

Treasurer’s Report

* £781.44 taken in at Christmas Market
* £49.94 on expenses
* £731.50 banked
* Balance in account £772.60
* Plan for further fundraising activities to bolster funds then look at how best to spend the money for the school.

Head Teacher’s Report

* Prelims – went well despite challenges presented by weather and unfortunate rearranging under direction of Kildonan St. SMT & Morrisons worked together to keep noise from building works from disturbing students – this will be mimicked for exams in May.
* 3rd year parents night & subject choice information meeting to be combined on 8th February as a result of parental poll on preference.
* Silver LGBT charter mark achieved, 1st school in NL to achieve this.
* PE Kit policy discussed and supported – re-enforcing original policy.
* Social Media Policy discussed. Neil Hendry coordinating this – letter to go out to all parents requesting permission or otherwise for children to be used in any / all CA Social Media.
* SMT – working on the Vision for the school going forwards. Happy with how school is achieving and progressing following merger, building community & relationships, HMI inspection etc., now there is an opportunity to take the school to the next level – to identify what CA can do to make the experiences at school outstanding regardless of ability.

At next In Service day SMT to discuss this with and gain input from staff through groups lead by faculty heads – look at improving ENGAGEMENT over the whole school journey – primary through secondary.

**MC looking to have parental input on the In Service day on as many of these groups as possible**. **Once details are provided to CPS, she will send out to PC to look for those able to participate.**

School Transport

* Confirmation from Labour councillors that they will not be supporting the extended distance criteria during the current administration and that they intend to lobby the Scottish Government to fall in line with the distances set by NLC.
* CPS wrote to NLC re the need for push notifications to parents directly from the bus companies and that this should form part of the tender and contract awarding process. A reply was received referencing NLC’s policy and stating that any disruption to service would be posted on the Council’s website and social media.

It was highlighted that during the last week of snow while the school were excellent at keeping us informed, the information with regards to transport disruption was still very slow to come from the council and on one occasion the information on cancelled buses was posted on NLC’s website after 11am – which is obviously not timely enough.

CPS to copy GF & TF in on the email response from NLC and to make representation on parents’ behalf in regards to the necessity of timely postings on their website and social media.

Fundraising Sub Committee

* AS has agreed to head this up. Looking at holding at least one more fundraiser before the end of this school year. CPS to email PC asking for those able to join this. 1st meeting to be held after the next PC meeting on Wednesday 21st March 2018. MB, JS & KMc indicated that they would be happy to join although others needed to help spread the load.

Social Media

* All agreed that social media was a good way for the PC to be able to communicate with the school forum. AS to look to resurrect old PC Parent Forum on Facebook. CPS to investigate setting up Twitter – MB indicated she would be willing to help with this.

Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 21st March 2018 @ 6.45pm

Tuesday 15th May 2018 @ 6.45pm.