

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Carol Ellington, Heather Murray, Leanne Mc Dermot, Sandra Mac Dougall,

APOLOGISE: Kerry Ann Ballantyne, Blair Hopkins and Lorraine Senior

School building and grounds

CE welcomed Councillor Alan Masterton to the meeting. Councillor Masterton had been asked to attend to explain what steps the parents council would have to make for the school football pitch to be upgraded as it was in a terrible condition and unable to be used. Councillor Masterton explain what could be done with the area but would have to check out what funding we would be able to tap into. He said that there was a development programme but was unsure if there were funds left for this year. Councillor Masterton would update Kerry Ann.

CE said that the budget had been approved for improvement work on the boys and girls toilets, but no date had been given when work would commence.

Reporting Progress on SIP

CE explained that she was looking the school improvement plan going forward. She said that there had been improvements with writing numeracy and family partnership but that the staff would like to see further improvements in numeracy. Financial Education would be helping to look at how banks work and help pupils understand how to budget finances as they have no concept of actual money as everyone uses cards and don't have hard cash.

Discussions around the new priorities for school improvement were had. As a cluster the schools associated with Greenfaulds High School were going to make Assessment and Moderation a priority. Staff will be working with colleagues from local schools to plan assessments and compare / share standards.

North Lanarkshire Challenge

CE explained that Richard Harris would be working with P7s on the North Lanarkshire Challenge in fitness, tennis and badminton, they would also have to help in the community. Pupils would be working towards an achievement award.

Homework Review

Blair was still working on the results of the review. CE said that even though standards were good and parents were happy when she monitored the pupils' workbooks, she felt that improvement had to be made on handwriting.

P1 intake/classification

CE explained the new intake for next term.

Staffing

CE explained staffing and the effect on pupils.

AOCB

Heather asked about cost for P5 getting swimming lessons, CE said that there would be no cost.

Anne suggested the school hosting a Gala Day to help with funds. Anne to investigate costs and speak to Kerry Ann.