

Tinto Primary School – Parent Council Meeting (Via Googlemeet) – Monday 28th January 2021

Present – Lorna Kilgallon, Lorna Christie, Pam Duncan, Claire Thomson, Alex Stark, Laura Garrett, Alistair Reid, Jean Lyon

Apologies – Rebecca Lyon

Minutes From Last Meeting

No Issues raised

Treasurer Report

- £424 added to bank from donations and Christmas card fundraising – this includes money given to school for Halloween and Christmas packs for the kids
- £993 in bank at the end of the year

Tinto Fund Raising

- Nothing to report due to COVID
- Discussion that can't fundraise at present as parents might question this when the children actually aren't at school.
- Alex said as long as there is £360 ring fenced for the school app renewal then not a current need for fundraising.

Head Teachers Report

- Alex directed everyone to the head teachers report and remote learning position statement
- Remote learning has been more difficult this time as the focus has been on new learning whereas in the last lockdown the focus was on consolidation. Has been a steep learning curve for teachers and support staff
- Community council bought 6 more chromebooks – 2 more have been given out on loan.
- Almost all pupils are taking part on the live chats with their class.
- Feedback from parent questionnaires
 - Too many videos – school following direction from Ed Scotland for this
 - Lack of balance e.g. long video with and very short task linked so not giving opportunity to consolidate skills
 - Parents don't have time to sit through videos with children – need more explicit instructions
 - Some children disengaging
 - Parents prefer videos that teachers make up rather than ones taken from the internet – Alex explained that making own videos is time consuming and she directed teachers to use ones already produced if available
- Feedback from pupils
 - Miss friends
 - Don't like the videos
 - P4-7 are tired
 - From next week Wellness Wednesday will be introduced to reduce screen time
 - All like chat so googlemeets to be introduced twice weekly.
- Hub – 9-15 pupils attend a day. Some children only coming in for the morning for support for learning. Teacher in the class in the morning and support assistant for the full day.

- Feedback – Everyday a * will be beside one piece of work – on this the teacher will give 2 stars and a wish – on other pieces of work a comment will be given for feedback. Alex and Lorna are monitoring this. To see feedback you can go into the child's e-mail or look at the notifications in google classroom app. Discussion that there has been very little feedback for any work handed in for P2/3 – Alex to look into this. In the High School they have been using MOTE for verbal feedback – Lorna K is looking into this.
- Request that Mrs McNeill's work for P4-7 be given at the start of the week to try and spread out the work.
- Lack of reading books in P2/3 was raised – Oxford Owls being investigated.
- P1 enrolments – 15 – perhaps 16. 10 children leaving p7. Possible role of 93
- Mrs MacConnell on mat leave from May
- SLC looking at removing nursery teachers as part of the budget cuts – this might result in losing Mrs Bowden. Lorna C to write a letter to council objecting to the loss of nursery teachers.

Next Meeting – Monday 15th March at 7pm