

**MINUTES of AGM PC/PSA Meeting held on, Wednesday 12
September, 2018**

Present:

PC Members	Gordon Chree (Chair)
PSA Members	Becky Gallagher (Chair) Rachel Tully (Treasurer)
Staff	Gillian Millar - Headteacher Matt Shanks - DHT Lorraine Gilmour - PT Claire Pringle - Acting PT Aileen Jamieson - Class Teacher Rosie Christy - Class Teacher Fiona Harding - PSW (Minutes)

INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Gordon Chree welcomed all to this first meeting of the new session and thanked everyone for their attendance.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

Gillian Millar informed all present that it is a requirement of the school to produce an Improvement Plan and tonight, via a PowerPoint presentation, she would share with assembled audience the school's priorities for 2018-19, and Matt Shanks would also look at the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). Our Vision and Our Values statements comprise in-depth work done with staff and pupils and underpin what we do. Priorities for this session are as follows -

(1) Desired Outcome - Raising Attainment for All

Streamline Forward Planning.

More focussed Interdisciplinary Learning experiences.

Continue to improve feedback of pupils - linked to Tapestry Programme for the Cluster schools).

(2) Desired Outcome - Improve Literacy for All

Improve Literacy across all stages.

Introduce Spanish as Language 3 - P5-7. French already being taught.

(3) Desired Outcome - Improve Numeracy for All

Improve teachers' confidence in teaching Number Talks.

(4) Desired Outcome

Improvement in All Children's and People's Wellbeing.

Increase children's levels of resilience - also linked to Bounce Back Programme across the Cluster.

(5) Desired Outcome - Improvement in Employability Skills and Sustained, Positive School Leaver Destinations for All Young People
Improve children's understanding of skills required for the world of work.

DHT's REPORT

Pupil Equity Funding Plan

Matt Shanks explained that the PEF programme is an initiative to close the attainment gap between the most and least advantaged children, including targeted approaches to literacy and numeracy with differentiated support, i.e. not all pupils require the same support.

Priorities for the year include -

PEF Priority - Literacy

Daily reading for targeted children

Review Literacy Circles

Phonological support to individual pupils - use of 5 Minute Box

Speech & Language Therapy - we now have an S & L Therapist in school once a week.

PEF Priority - Numeracy

Individual SEAL Maths support

Provide number concept support to individual children - use of 5 Minute Box.

PEF Priority - Health & Wellbeing

Nurture - morning and afternoon sessions

PEF Priority - Across Learning

Introduce family learning where parents/carers support their children's learning.

Growth Mindset training for staff.

REVIEW OF LAST SESSION

Chair gave an overview of items discussed and dealt with last year by the PC (playground surface, parking, breakfast club, school meals and homework) and hoped support for the school would continue throughout this coming session. Due to work commitments GC asked for any volunteers willing to take on the role of Vice Chair as he cannot guarantee

his attendance at every meeting. Parent Gillian Brunt volunteered and was duly appointed to this position.

UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND

Playground Surface continues to deteriorate - especially noticeable after being recently swept, which further exposed break down of the surface. The worst part would appear to be in the area between the paths from both gates in the outer playground. After continuous badgering from PC, Council have now agreed to a resurfacing procedure and are now looking at a couple of options to achieve the best possible outcome under on-going budget constraints. Inner playground is protected from the public i.e. both gates can be locked so if Council were to decide to resurface the whole playground a janitor would need to be on site for them to gain access. We now have a specific person at WLC who has taken charge of this.

QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS

GC asked what the state of play was in CPS with the implementation of the P1 testing given the latest controversy over it. GM fed back that as a school we had handled this well working with children individually, mainly with HT herself who had further trained all PSWs. Technology often proved problematic as did the time factor but with P4 testing, the older children had helped with logging on.

Mrs Hatcher a P7 parent asked why the field is not made available for classes to play football on, given that her son had missed his class's football slot on the hard pitch due to other commitments i.e. door/office duty. HT answered that the use of the field is weather dependent especially as we are coming into Autumn and we also must protect the fabric of the building from mud and grass being tread through the corridors. In the final term P7 are accorded the privilege of being allowed on the field every day but again this is dependent on fine weather.

Mrs Tully a P2/P4 Parent asked if there would be feedback on the Weekly Mile initiative i.e. how does it impact on the children's learning? HT said it was still early days as we are only trialling it at the moment.

PSA PRESENTATION

Becky Gallagher (Chair) and Rachel Tully (Treasurer) gave a brief overview of the role of the PSA and offered apologies for Lorna Clelland, Heather Marriot and Claire Cruickshank. Elected members happy to serve in their respective roles for a further year and this was agreed by all in attendance.

Last year was a fabulous year for fundraising - £6,500 being the total raised - 80% more than the previous year! We organised dress down days, upper and lower school Halloween discos, Christmas jumper competition, Valentine's competition, Spring disco, Easter egg hunt and Summer fun day which was an extremely positive day with £3,600 raised. Remember for your personal shopping, to register CPS with the easyfundraising.org.uk site (see link on PSA Facebook Page) and through this the school will benefit from a quarterly reimbursement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Outgoing expenditure was £3,700 which included sand, play dough, playground equipment, cameras, a microwave for Nurture, water tray, climbing frame for the nursery and hoodies and calculators for P7 leavers.
- New balance stands at £5063.51.
- Figures shown to and verified by HT.

Once the playground surface has been rectified, a substantial amount of funding will go on new playground markings. Treasurer would further welcome any ideas on what to spend funds on so get your thinking caps on and these could be put forward at next meeting. P1 teacher Claire Pringle mentioned her suggestion to purchase book bags for P1 children which are a bit more robust than the current polypocket type ones.

Check out PSA Facebook Page for Halloween Disco details which will very much follow the same format as last year.

Finally, an appeal was made for any helpers willing to give up some of their time to assist with PSA events. BG stressed you do not need to attend every function but do think about joining us, as even if you can contribute on one occasion, we would very much welcome your assistance.

A.O.B.

P7 Hoodies

Becky Gallagher had been approached by a parent asking about the delivery time of the hoodies. Last year the children wore them for the last term and school is happy to go down this line again for next year, thus giving children sufficient usage of them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7 NOVEMBER at 6.30 p.m.