

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2019

Present

C. Macrae M. Dickie
K. Rae J. Findlay
H. Mushet P. Vidler
E. Purvis L. Allen

Apologies

F. Crookston
R. Gailey

Morag opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

- Matters arising from last meeting were discussed focusing on ways to improve communication with parents. The minutes of Parent Council Meetings and a Parent Council Newsletter were explored. It was agreed that those who attend the meeting should receive a copy of the minutes and the Newsletter should be posted on the blog. Suggested that one newsletter per term should be adequate updating on events, fundraising and how to volunteer.
- Treasurer update - £120.00 spent on purchasing Smarties. Closing date 2 days after meeting. Amount raised will be updated during next meeting.
- Head Teacher update – following the recent inspection a report has been published included in this the school ethos was complimented. An action plan will be drawn up with the Education Quality Assurance Committee.
Movement of Play ground fence is being pursued – this would be invaluable to increase outdoor learning experiences. Members of parent council voiced concerns regarding limitations and costings with regards to PECOS. Any supplies must be ordered through PECOS as per West Lothian Council guidelines.
- The Parent Engagement tool was discussed at length, families being involved in children’s learning improves their education. Work has already started with the Family link worker and how to improve parental involvement and raise awareness of key school priorities. Information Technology, Communication; Volunteering are all being addressed.
- Jackie Finlay (Family Link Worker) discussed the concept of Pennies Pantry. Food would be received from distribution centre, parents who wished to would pay around £2.00 per month and would have access to these foods. This may address some issues with poverty.
- Newsletter – Morag has made up a draft format and will e-mail it to the parent council members for feedback. The possibility of a parent council e-mail address was raised to be further explored.
- Planned events – Penny will try to confirm a date for the proposed Race Night.
Morag asked Ms Macrae for a wish list.
Primary 7 is planning a family quiz night.
- Primary 7 leavers gifts were discussed again and agreed to continue with Secondary School Tie, personalised glass and group photograph.
- AOCB – the Gala Float was discussed – Theme this year is Disney.
Concerns raised over people parking over emergency entrance – this is included in every newsletter!
Learning Lodges are being repaired by First Choice Living.

Morag thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.