



PC Minutes for Tuesday 29th August 2017
Staff room 7:30 - 9:00pm

Agenda Item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catriona Todd (Clerk) ● Andrina Gilhooley (Chair) ● Gordon Kaye (Vice Chair) ● Iris Marchand ● Emily Evans ● Derek Gribben ● Becky Entwistle (Secretary) ● Fiona Dick ● Ruth Lewis ● Juliet Aspley ● Daisy Watson ● Rebecca McCombe ● Xanthe O'Brien ● Fiona Black ● Lynsey Byrne ● Elaine McNaught ● Caroline Mitchell ● Graeme Blaikie ● Emma Tulloch ● Tania Evans (Deputy Head) ● Lyndsey Stewart (P1 Teacher) ● Willie French (Head Teacher) 		

<p>Apologies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vicky McHardie ● Sue Hardman ● Jenny Murray ● Jenny Hunt ● Charlotte Inithar ● Donna Morgan 		
<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</p>	<p>The Chair feels that the voting members that were agreed on at the AGM was not a true representative of the whole school as the new P1 nor the nursery were not represented. 19 members we added in June however our allowed maximum is currently only 18.</p> <p>Can we increase the number of voting members from 18? This can be increased to a maximum of 24 and the constitution will need to be amended to reflect this.</p> <p>The idea is to have a couple of people who are members for each year group of the school, including the nursery (they don't need to be a member of the PC).</p> <p>NB. Any parent or carer can come along to the meetings or help out at events without having to become a Member.</p> <p>We don't want to discourage new people and make them feel like there is no room to join. It is important that we get more people along to the PC meetings.</p>	<p>Year Group Representatives: Nursery - volunteer needed P1 – Daisy & Iris P2 – Daisy & Iris P3 – Becky P4 – Juliet & Caroline P5 – Lynsey P6 – Juliet & Caroline P7 - Donna</p>	<p>An EGM will be called for the next meeting (24th Oct) to decide the members of the PC. - Becky</p> <p>Need to change the constitution to have 24 members to allow more people to join. - Andrina</p> <p>Short profile to be made about the representatives to put on the website and in the newsletter to make parents aware who they can speak to to raise any issues for the PC. - Becky/Andrina</p>

	<p>The next newsletter will be targeting new parents to join the PC and letting them know who is their representative for their child's year – they can discuss any issues they have in a designated time agreed by the representatives.</p> <p>The TV at the entrance to the school could be a means of advertising the PC and the work that they do.</p> <p>Dates of events – Ceilidh date is wrong</p>		<p>PC newsletter - Andrina</p> <p>Discuss with Emil about using the TV to promote the PC with pictures, videos etc. - Becky</p> <p>Becky to amend the Ceilidh date to Tues 23rd Jan 2018.</p>
<p>Quad improvements</p>	<p>Update from Becky: Huge thanks to Jenny Hunt for bringing volunteers (they were Jenny herself, Susan, Craig and Barbara) from the Digital Records Unit at National Records of Scotland, who had a team building day working in the Quad. They made massive improvements including: clearing out all the old bark and replacing it with new bark, removing the seesaw.</p> <p>Becky and her son painted & refilled the boat sandpit and feedback from the teachers is very positive – they love it.</p> <p>There is still more stuff to come for the quad.</p>		<p>Caroline to organise a replacement for the train. Contact Derek Gribben as he knows people who could possibly help out.</p>

	<p>Caroline is trying to organise a replacement for the train. This will be funded through the money that was raised at the bag-packing fundraiser at Tesco during the Summer holidays. Huge thanks to those who took part.</p> <p>The replacements will likely be from someone who can either build a new train or source a new one somewhere.</p> <p>The kids have designed a bug hotel which has now been built. Lyndsey Stewart has been in touch with the ranger service and there is a ranger who can come in and help build it.</p>		<p>Lyndsey to sort out a date for the ranger to come in.</p> <p>Caroline to come into the school and discuss the bug hotel with the children.</p>
Bag packing fundraiser	<p>This was a very successful day. In 4 hours of bag-packing, the school raised £434.00 which was great.</p> <p>This money is going towards a replacement for the train as mentioned in the previous point.</p> <p>Huge thank you to all those who helped out on the day.</p>		<p>Becky to send a thank you letter to Tesco and later send photos of what we get with the monies raised.</p>
French Lessons?	<p>French lessons are currently funded until the end of December.</p> <p>P6/7 French lessons are funded by the government and P1-5 are currently funded through the PC.</p>		<p>PC members are in agreement and have voted to keep French lessons through until the end of the school year (June 2018).</p>

	<p>This costs £1,300 for 12 weeks and that is the full amount.</p> <p>Teachers are very positive of the French lessons the children receive from Claire and think that they really benefit their learning in other subjects as well. They would highly encourage these continue if the PC can afford it.</p> <p>The lessons benefit every child in the school and will be a great help for going up to high school.</p> <p>PC should make it a priority that they fundraise for French lessons, given the importance they have on a child's development.</p>		
<p>Road safety – new year – new campaign?</p>	<p>George will be able to provide more of an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>In the meantime, the 20mph has not made a difference at all and the parking issue is still causing a lot of problems.</p> <p>As always the PC are keen to see more police doing speed checks on the road and catching the regular offenders. This has not happened at all for a while.</p>		<p>George to provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Road safety campaign will be a feature in the next PC newsletter and will encourage parents to join in the attempt to get councillors to take action on the problems.</p> <p>Becky/Andrina will talk with George and advise the PC how we can put together a targeted</p>

	<p>There needs to be a more targeted approach to get councillors to listen to the problem and the dangers this has on the children.</p> <p>The issue is going to be mentioned in the next PC newsletter to try and encourage parents to take the targeted approach introduced by the PC members.</p> <p>There will be an email template which parents will be able to copy and “bombard” the relevant councillors until we see action.</p>		<p>approach to be persistent in getting this fixed and more police presence.</p> <p>Becky to email local councillors to ask them to attend the PC meetings and to also follow up on previous conversations with Ant Keane, not heard from him.</p> <p>Willie to chase Lorna as not heard anything in a while either.</p>
<p>Walking bus survey – what format?</p>	<p>Andrina will add the survey to the PC newsletter to see how many parents/children would use the service. Once children have signed up, a route can be planned and organised.</p> <p>It is a big responsibility for parents and there is a formal training session that they need to do in order to adhere to certain conditions.</p> <p>There will also be a bag drop and a simple “yes” or “no” tick box to see how many people are interested.</p> <p>The school is very encouraging if this goes ahead as it is a very healthy way of getting to school and would certainly reduce the traffic outside.</p>		<p>Andrina to add a survey to the newsletter and also create a bag drop for all children.</p> <p>Once the results are in, plans can be made to see what parents are interested and if they are happy to train for this.</p> <p>Routes can then also be planned.</p>

<p>Internet safety practical training?</p>	<p>Willie highlighted the extent of the impact social media has on children and there are a lot of parents who don't understand the possible harm internet is causing to their children.</p> <p>All schools in Edinburgh have offered internet safety workshops for parents – a lot of parents were interested in attending this and asked to run this event frequently.</p> <p>There are also courses for children in the school – health programme and keeping myself safe classes.</p> <p>Mobile phone policy in school – does it need to be revised?</p> <p>Kids have phones very early these days and there needs to be a policy in place for the whole school.</p> <p>Teachers do not want to have the responsibility of taking the phones at the start of the day. Only P7 children are allowed phones in school and they are not allowed to be used during the day.</p> <p>More time will be dedicated to internet safety and phones in the next meeting.</p>		<p>Internet Safety to be put as one of the main points on the agenda of the next meeting as there was not enough time to discuss the problems and possible solutions to these.</p> <p>Becky, Willie and Tania to discuss and plan the next internet safety talk for parents. A lot of parents are very keen for this to happen on a regular basis and feel an interactive session would be hugely beneficial.</p> <p>Does the mobile phone policy need to be revised in the school and a stricter policy put in place? - Willie</p>
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<p>Upcoming fundraising events</p>	<p>Halloween disco is the next fundraising event in the school.</p> <p>The fundraising team need more volunteers to help at both the junior and senior discos.</p> <p>Tuesday 5th September is the next fundraising meeting – more events will be planned and information given at the next meeting. Update: next Fundraising meeting is Tues 10th Oct at the Ellwyn Hotel from 7:30pm</p>		<p>The fundraising team will ask parents to volunteer to help at the Halloween discos.</p> <p>An update will be given at the next PC meeting about the various fundraising events planned throughout the year.</p>
<p>AOCB & DONM</p>	<p>Parkour – the Parkour team from Circus Starz have asked if some children would be keen to participate in a course during curricular hours. Caroline is dealing with this and negotiating on the cost.</p> <p>30 kids would be able to participate once a week. This is aimed at children in P4-7 and the teachers would decide who would benefit from the course the most. At the moment it would cost £600 for two coaches to run this.</p> <p>Tania has set up a Parkour class after school which the children pay for.</p> <p>There was not enough time to decide on this in the meeting – will carry forward to the next meeting as there is no deadline on a decision.</p>		<p>Caroline to provide an update at the next meeting of the total cost and number of children who can participate.</p> <p>The PC will make a decision about funding Parkour lessons at the next meeting.</p> <p>Tania to give an update on the feedback from the Parkour lessons done after school and to see if these are popular amongst the children.</p>

	<p>The next Parent/teacher evening is on Wednesday 20th September.</p> <p>As there is a long time in between meetings, we could create subgroups to deal with certain issues and they can meet more often?</p> <p>P3 pupils are allowed in the entire P1-P3 playground at play times/lunch for the whole year – this is not a new rule and has always been allowed. Seems the children were not aware of this.</p>		<p>Discuss the possible subgroup idea at the next meeting and if this is worthwhile.</p> <p>Becky to chat with George before the next meeting regards road safety and possible plans to target the council. Anyone else interested in this subgroup please email Becky rhpsparents@gamil.com</p>
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