

Parent Council Meeting – Thursday 7th November

MINUTES (taken by L Callander in Sarah's absence)

Attendance:

Suzanne Broatch, Lindsay Callander, Silvana Ross, Lyn Smith, Trine Campbell, Iain Marshall, Dawn Campbell, James Smith.

Apologies:

Janice Craig, Mungo Bryson, Sarah Mc Turk, Susan Hall, Julie Irving.

- **Minutes from meeting 19/9/19.....**No matters arising: proposed by Iain and seconded by Suzanne.

- **Treasurer's Report-**

Balance from previous meeting £10488.72.

£1305 has been spent on transport which leaves the fund at £8695

£150 has been donated to Mr Mc Nay for basketball strips leaving the parent council accounts at £338.72

TOTAL AT PRESENT IN BANK ACCOUNT £9033.72

(we are still to receive parent council subs from D and G council normally around £250)

(Mr Smith has another invoice for transport)

- **Headmasters Report –**

-Mr Smith explained he was interviewing for the position of technical teacher. Mr Solaja is still covering classes at the moment, but they hope to recruit soon.

-Maintenance work is due to start in school on the 9th December, parents will be informed of any disruption which may affect the running of the school day..eg, walkways, parking etc.

-Breakfast club is still currently running and has funding (Tesco coins) to run until the end of the school year. Co-op were unable to help with weekly costs however there was a discussion that this could be written into the funding application for Tackling Poverty this year. Dawn asked about PEF funding to fund but Mr Smith informed the parent council that this is being used elsewhere and a separate funding bid for breakfast club would be a more suitable option.

- **Education Meetings Transform**

Thank you to Suzanne for going along and representing CDHS Parent council. These days were full on but some of the bigger discussions took place around align timetables across the region, dropping to a 33 period week, school numbers, cost per pupil at each school, school closures, widening catchment areas for primary schools, generating income from school lets, better schools but fewer of them.... Please see all relevant information from Suzanne in previous emails regarding the Transformation.

Fundraising Update

1. Theatre Update

Silvana and Lindsay contacted the Birchvale Theatre and the price to hold an evening there would be £100. (70 seats) It was thought this would be a good idea March and April and the theatre will be asked if they have any available dates to book. They are currently re locating so it may prove difficult. Will update at next meeting,

2. Volunteers for Christmas Fayre

The general feeling was positive to attend the Christmas Fayre and sell raffle tickets. (please see below).

3. Race Night/Charity Auction

Lindsay had an update from Mungo. After some deliberation, it was felt that a grand raffle would be better than an actual event. This would generate more sales and be affordable to all. Parent council members could sell tickets with the draw taking place mid-January.

Mungo has managed to obtain 2 tickets for Scotland/England six nations at Murrayfield in February and 2 tickets for Rangers/Celtic football match 2020. He also has an accommodation voucher for Laggan and was thinking of a cash prize at £100. A license would need to be applied for which takes 2 weeks and tickets printed. The council were asked to agree on the go ahead and Lindsay was to report back to Mungo to go ahead. Hopefully tickets will be available to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Advertising could be through Facebook pages and school communication channels. Tickets will be priced at £5 each and it is hoped that all parent council members can get on board and generate an easy fundraiser. It was suggested that the draw could take place at our next meeting.

4. Update from Learning Support-re Winifred Kennedy Trust.

No update as yet...Mr Smith will chase this up.

AOCB

Dawn updated the council on an application fund for funding from the Holywood Trust to purchase Lighting/Sound system for the school. She has spoken to Paul Mc Gregor re-equipment and Mitchell's Electrician's for a quote and is aware that guidance has to be followed with works at the school and is liaising with the Clerk of Works. Dawn is happy to continue with this and requested financial information from treasurer.

Irving's Bakery were approached to help with the supply of ingredients for the Home Economics classes. They can source cheaper ingredients in bulk but it's still quite a cost for the school to cover. Mr Smith feels there needs to be a wider offer to explore regarding this and is still looking at options.

Discussion around constitution and updating this along with confirmed members of the council and updated guidelines for attendance. This needs to be completed at the next AGM. It was agreed to continue to send out to all contacts on the current email list.

Discussion around the funding for the transport and Lindsay advised this would be about the be advertised again. It may be that the criteria maybe different but worth applying for again. LC to keep Chairperson informed of any news. Trine mentioned transport for the swimming gala in Merrick and was disappointed that the fund was not used. It was agreed that Mr Smith would remind all teachers that the funds are there and can be used.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16th January 2020.