

Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday 2nd March 2016, 6.30-7.30

Present – Sandra Rathjen (Chair), Gillian O'Rourke (HT), Samantha Rushforth (DHT), David Borthwick(PT), Charlotte Birse-Stewart, Tory Clark, Lesley Smith(Clerk), Nicola Clark-Tonberg, Anne Hay, Sandra Bagnall, Rob Noronha, John Gardner, Kate Moir, Bryony McEwan, Chris Knowles, Jila Ghomeshi and Lesley Campbell

Apologies – Susan Shenkin and Gareth Overton

Head Teacher Report

Care Inspection – Nursery inspection. Awaiting report/feedback. Report to go on website and in newsletter once received.

Website – 16,000 hits so far.

Diversity Week – various activities

Internet Safety Day - Shared at assembly and activities took place.

Risk Factory – Primary 7 attended

Hibs conference – some nursery children attended to welcome visitors

Euroquiz – attended by some P6's

Healthy Snack Week – Visits from Barrowband and Tesco

World Book Day – various events/storytellers/parental engagement. Book bags will be issued.

Book Fair – the same week as Parental consultations. Book tokens will be issued to use at the bookfair

Nursery – new initiative called bedtime stories starting soon

House morning – to take place and include Rights Respecting schools/ Games across the Commonwealth

Ukulele – P5 completed, P4 now carrying out 4 week course

Hibs – Primary 2 football to begin

Diversity event at Drummond – P6 catwalk event & Broughton Musical theatre taking part

Transition Events – P1 and P7 letters will go out in a few weeks.

Classes for 2016 – G.O'R reported that the council have proposed 14 mainstream classes for Broughton with 3 Primary 1 classes of 20 each, these are early proposals.

Budget Info – schools now under Families and Communities, protected but there will be changes in money allocation that may impact some areas. Business support being looked into.

Snapshot week – taking place next week and annually - shows year progression advancing up the school. Good keepsake and fits into assessment progress.

Playground Update

Loose Parts Training - PSA and Sam. Loose parts starter pack to be introduced over next few weeks and a zoned area introduced which will be supervised by trained staff.

Container - to be delivered in the Easter holidays.

Pupil Group – 19th April – parent play week, parents will be invited to play/chat/see the equipment, can donate that week too eg. pan, spoon

PG will also write letters to Redpath. Redpath will take care of the container delivery and may give donations for our resources. Picnic benches wanted for the playground.

OPAL – SR met Michael from OPAL, keen to work with the school but expensive, will develop an outdoor play policy and loose parts fits in well with this. SR and GO'R to check testimonials from other schools who had used OPAL.

Special Meeting – Date to be arranged

Parent Council Chair Report

Engaging Parents – drop in coffee morning, PC to arrange more of these

Different times for meetings may attract more volunteers

Recruitment – will take place at Parental Consultations and P1 induction day (22.06)

recruit for class reps, 1 per year group and recruit in nursery at nursery open day. SR to give dates to PC. E-mail list may help – 2 staff members will attend a demonstration of Groupcall/Seemis on 16th March.

Lets – 11.05.16 have to be in for this date

Pupil Council Report

Assembly – shared aims, shared next steps

Designed sign for Botanical Broughton sent to Apex signs, awaiting delivery.

Mind maps completed of likes/dislikes

Task Lists – problem/solution/how

Each member evidence learning in classes, gather share and present to each other

ICT - pupil group set up by Mr Inglis, looking after ICT base

Flagpole – Eco group will raise the flag

Dining hall – Noted it has been painted.

AOB

School Crossing Update – McDonald Rd crossing will be unmanned in April. GO'R addressed with Paul Murrel from school crossing team but no staff to cover. PC to write to PM. KM will draft a letter to SR about impact of traffic

Litter – already cleared up