

## Currie Parent Council

### Minutes of meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Attending were:

Caroline Brown (CB)	Catorina Mcfarlane (CF)	Nicky Macnamara
Michelle McAndrew (MMA)	Peter Reid (PR)	Faeza Nagi (FN)
Sally Hourston (SH)	Neil Mackenzie (NM)	Willeke Keyzers
David Erskine (DE)	Lisa Syme (LS)	Michayla Greig

Apologies: Nicola Brisley, Laura Nicole

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### 3. Head Teacher Update

- Currently School roll is at 440 students.
- Staff Update: Mrs Holt has started in P3B, and Mrs Lake's vacancy will be filled by Miss Sharp, currently awaiting PVG checks. Two PSA have been recently appointed. These are temporary positions, until the end of this year.
- Attendance: No concerns for attendance as no children are setting off triggers of less than 85% attendance.
- School Extension: Public Meetings took place that were well attended by local community. SH and PR represented school and parent council at these discussions. Parent Council (PC) was informed that plans are being redrawn to rotate pitches that might provide more feasible option without compromising on football pitch space. Another meeting took place with Currie football club who were supportive of school but decision cannot be made until these drawings are redrawn. It was discussed if other play areas in the community could be utilized to make up for any pitch space lost due to extension. NM said it may not be feasible for transporting sports equipment as these are stored in school. If extension plans are approved, development works could start from February 2018, with Phase 1 of plan ready for August 2019. Phase 2 of plan is not guaranteed and is subject to later review. PR suggested that CPS PC should register a note with council about our preferred option for school extension. CB offered to draft a letter for LS to send.
- SQIP: School's priorities include to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy. Mathletics is being replaced by Sumdog. Big write training for school staff and Word Boost training sessions for Nursery staff have been arranged. Some classes are trying experience of learning outdoors for numeracy and literacy. Other priorities include plans to implement learning buddies mentoring programme for Jan-June18, Building resilience through Growth mindset, Child protection training update, curriculum developments and skills progressions.
- ETHOS: P1 curriculum meetings were well attended by P1 parents. A local MSP visited school to work with P7 on their topic of Democracy. We had a good turn out and positive feedback for school at Parent evenings in October. School photographs – sticker book will be launched in December.

#### 4. Chair Update

- LS mentioned all other business is as per normal.
- PC mailbox looks good, no complaints as such.
- Lots of comments have been received about School photos this year.
- Feedback shared with group regarding photos being more expansive and not like quality as in the past. SH said school welcomes all feedback and this will be taken into consideration in future. NM

mentioned photographer was also welcoming of any feedback at parent's evenings. SH mentioned P7 have had a taster session of their photo boxes and were very excited.

## 5. Accounts

- PR confirmed a balance of £934.71 in account.
- PR to arrange for new mandate for bank by next meeting.
- Current signatories on bank mandate are Nicola, Mark and PR.
- New signatories will be LS, DE and CF

## 6. Topics of consideration for 2017/18

- NM shared document from HMI detailing how partnership works.
- CB and NM to arrange time to discuss further on this.
- LS asked how school feels in general about partnership from parent council. SH said she is satisfied and happy. SH added that there is always good involvement from parent at focus groups and for projects, and any additional support to help school in external partnership will be useful.
- An example of School's role as ambassador in a project with RSPCA was discussed. This is a P5 project for wild life challenge.

## 7. AOCB

- Dog Poop campaign:
  - CB shared details of a dog poop campaign recently run by the pupils of Juniper Green Primary School. Campaign raised awareness and improved conditions with reduction in incidents of dog poo in the locality, as pupils tied fabric conditioners and bags to use along walkways.
  - All agreed to run similar campaign in CPS. CB suggested if pupils could design an A4 size poster that could be tied to lamppost for awareness. It was also suggested to name this campaign, *Scoop your poop*.
  - SH agreed to share this idea with pupils and feedback in next meeting. It was also discussed that PC could fund the prizes for pupils to take part in designing poster and slogan. PC may also contribute towards the cost of any poo bags to be tied along walkways
- CB mentioned PC meeting minutes haven't been updated on school website for some time. FN agreed to send a copy of backlog to Margret Campbell to upload to relevant section on school website.
- LS mentioned a document is coming for review of Parent council roles.

## 8. 10. DONM

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.