

Currie Parent Council

Minutes of meeting – 17th Jan 2018

Attending were:

Caroline Brown (CB)	Vicky Parsons (VP)	Peter Reid (PR)
Faeza Nagi (FN)	Sally Hourston (SH)	Willeke Keysers
David Erskine (DE)	Lisa Syme (LS)	Duncan Fraser (DF)
Laura Nicole	Natalya Galbraith	Jane Robinson
Susan Webber	Naomi	Danny Fairlie

Apologies: Nicola Brisley, Joanne Tollins

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Head Teacher Update

- Staff update
- Good attendance records. Attendance was 96.2% during December 2017, higher than national average.
- If attendance is below 85% needs to be followed up with pupil/parents.
- No plans have been finalized for school extension to date. Works are expected to start from March 5th 2018 and to be completed by August 10th 2018
- Interior decoration for classrooms is being looked into with an interior designer. SH and her Deputy have visited another school to see 'rising roles' class rooms. SH shared brochures for some designs implemented in other schools and that feedback from schools using these has been very positive with positive impact upon pupils learning.
- School has received positive feedback from Currie Community High School (CCHS) on our pupil's understanding and knowledge in Maths and their skills
- Staff have been actively attending training events on assessment in literacy and numeracy and sharing their learnings with other staff and cluster.
- Poverty equity funding is being utilized for eligible pupil to take part in events with their peers.
- Pupil council has collected information on achievements/ hobbies and interests. This will be monitored and tracked to aid health and well being
- This term school will be looking at 'Talk about it' under growth mind-set
- Various updates on activities that classes have been involved in over Nov/December. Includes football session with Hearts Football team, P2 nativity, Christmas choir, Fund raising for Children in Need and JDRS, and many other.
- P7 will be performing drama with Scottish opera. They have worked very hard and rehearsals are looking great.

4. Chair Update

- LS is planning to attend Scottish parent teacher AGM on 8th Feb 2018. She would use this opportunity to highlight Schools review process. DE said he might also attend
- LS updated group about CPS involvement with CCHS PiP to update City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) on school reviews. Deputation taken to CEC was very positive and clear to establish on value and importance of CCHS

5. Accounts

- No change in account balance to report

- PR to meet with Catorina McFarlane (CF) to setup new signatories as discussed in last meeting these will be LS, DE and CF.

6. Topics of consideration for 2017/18

7. AOCB

- Dog Poop campaign:
 - CB brought 7 shortlisted posters from campaign that all school pupils have actively participated in. CB mentioned many great posters received and interest from pupils on campaign was very positive. A winner and 6 runner up will awarded prizes that will be funded by CPS.
- CCHS School Review:
 - It was discussed that council representative might put forward further options for consideration in parent consultations sessions to be held on 17th January 2018.
 - It was discussed that all proposals are informal consultation and nothing has been finalized yet.
 - VP expressed her concerns on sibling guarantee. She expressed concerns over Hermiston village/Gogar being a small area of current catchment that may not get much say but decision being made will affect its residents equally.
 - Outcome from informal consultation will be taken as proposal to CEC in March meeting and will voted on, after which statutory consultation will commence
 - Naomi from PiP also updated group regarding successful presentation of steering groups of save our school campaign at CEC

8. 10. DONM

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on 28th Feb 2018.