

Mauricewood Primary School

Parent Council Meeting : Thursday 2 November @ 7pm

Attendees: Judith Mathers
Julie Prentice
Lynne Grieve
Denise Bratby
Michael Kranert
Jenna Lamb
Cheryl Hannah

Apologies: Gill McKendrick

1.	<p><u>School Photographer</u></p> <p>Various feedback has been given regarding recent photographs. Caldwell's have collated feedback they have received, which on the whole has been positive. Playground feedback shows some concerns on quality and value for money.</p> <p>Need to look at past two years orders to see if there has been a decrease in ordering. This will be discussed at next meeting to investigate possible other photographers if necessary.</p> <p>ACTION: School</p>
2.	<p><u>Playground / School Access</u></p> <p>General discussion around the access into / through the school playground outwith school hours. Mrs Mathers advised that she was a member of a Midlothian Council working group which had been considering this matter in a wider context. It was suggested that, to encourage and continue the 'community spirit' consideration would be given to the gates being open outwith school hours for a trial period of around a month. It was noted there has been vandalism in the past in certain areas but hopefully with encouraging open play areas this will be eliminated in the future. This will continue to be assessed and monitored.</p> <p><u>Puddle / area below stairs</u></p> <p>This area is constantly wet and muddy and needs to be looked into. The school will pursue a solution.</p> <p><u>P6/7 Line up wall</u></p> <p>Julie Prentice will follow up with Gill regarding this point. Further information is needed.</p> <p><u>Shelters in playgrounds</u></p> <p>This option was discussed & Mrs Mathers will investigate whether other schools in the authority have shelters that can be locked/enclosed outwith school hours. Financially a shelter could not be accommodated from the school budget. It was also confirmed that on very wet days the school doors will be opened from 8.45am to allow children into the school.</p> <p>ACTION: School</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Vision & Values</u></p> <p>The school management team are keen to update the school’s Vision and Values. Initial thoughts have been collated from teachers, parents (at the end of parent’s night) and pupils and feedback provided in the form of word art with the largest words being those selected the most. There are a number of common themes across the results from teachers, parent’s and pupils and work will now be undertaken to further develop this. P7 detailed their views of the school values and provided their understanding of them, this may form the basis for developing the Vision and Values further.</p> <p>The final agreed version of the School’s Vision and Values will be used to inform other actions within the school, such as the Positive Behaviour Programme. A survey will be circulated to parents in the next few weeks on this subject.</p> <p>ACTION: School</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Curriculum Evening</u></p> <p>This evening has now been confirmed for Thursday 16 November at 6.30 – 7.30pm. Some pupils will be chosen (on availability and willingness) to present but all pupils are welcome on the evening.</p> <p>Text needs to be sent to parents / carers confirming the date.</p> <p>ACTION: School</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>PEF Funding (Pupil Equity)</u></p> <p>This is funding that is received directly into the school. This funding varies from school to school and is based around various statistics, data and information. The school continues to consider the use of this funding, with an increase in Learning Support hours and a Mentoring Programme currently being supported by PEF.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Feedback from Shona Mackie’s Visit</u></p> <p>Mrs Mathers provided a general update on previous visit. It was confirmed that, at present, there are no plans to extend the school as it is considered that there is sufficient capacity for 15 classes (this would mean losing the Learning Support classroom to change its use to a classroom) The main concerns from parent’s continue to remain the same, ie. Lack of Communal areas, particularly hall space. For PE</p> <p>Mrs Mathers mentioned that Councillor Imrie is visiting the school next week and she was asked to make him aware of these concerns.</p> <p>The Parent Council still felt very concerned regarding the meeting outcome and will progress using these potential routes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite councillor(s) to a future parent council meeting • Letter to head of schools and councillors on main concerns • Investigate other schools plans for extensions / expansion alongside after school clubs and interactive schools programme • Pull together list of main concerns and issues and bring to next meeting <p>ACTION All</p>

7.	<p><u>Update – 20mph consultation</u></p> <p>No update was available. Bring forward to next meeting</p> <p>ACTION: Denise</p>
8.	<p><u>School Governance</u></p> <p>No further update. To be added to May Agenda for discussion.</p>
9.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Dates of next meeting are confirmed as;</p> <p>Thursday 7 December Thursday 25 January Thursday 15 March Thursday 3 May Thursday 14 June</p>
10.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Judith will bring library plan to next meeting for discussion and update.</p> <p>ACTION: Judith</p>