

Newtongrange Primary School
Parent Council Wednesday 3rd October 2018
Newbattle Community Campus

Attending- Vicky Morgan (Head Teacher)
Karel Lee (Secretary)
Tricia McNicol (PTA Chair)
Ross Lyall (Teacher)
Carrie Mc Gill (Parent Council Member)
Kirsty Corbett (Parent Council Member)
Debbie Crossan (Deputy Head Teacher)
Jo Guz (Parent Forum)
Jason Ferry (Parent Council Member)

Appologies- Ashwyn Melmot (Treasurer)
Lisa Stables (Parent Council Member)
Laura Stevens (Parent Council Member)
Lee Grieve (Home School Practitioner)
Sarah Paul (Teacher)
Nicole Brown (Teacher)
Alison Lyles (PTA Secretary)
Al Stewart (Parent Council Forum)

AGM- Chair- Karel Lee 1st-Kirsty Corbett
2nd -Carrie McGill
Secretary- Carrie McGill 1st- Karel Lee
2nd -Tricia McNicol
Treasurer- Ashwyn Melmoth 1st- Karel Lee
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Intoduction and welcome to new /old members

School Update- Vicky Morgan

Staffing

New staff who have joined Newtongrange.

Miss Gracie P1

Miss Mullen P2

Mr Watters P4

Miss Toucher Support for Learning

Mrs Aird Drama (1 day)

The high school can no longer support with specialists

Interviewing for a PE teacher 24th October

Mrs McNeill off sick wish her a speedy recovery

Miss Sinnet ALS temporary until Christmas

Miss McDonald LA

Nursery

Mrs Hunt CDW F/T

Mrs Murdoch 2.5 days

Janitorial services

Mr Fagen Caretaker

Limited service during the day provided by janitor who works across 5 schools.

School works

Dining hall, classrooms, book room, and meeting room painted

Next step Family Learning room

P5 class room and learning hub

Updating new chairs through out

Communication

School app has been launched phase out facebook keep school website and twitter linked to app

Ongoing parent workshops -online safety

Safety (community)

Bullying -not acceptable plays 'bullies paradise'

Anti bullying seminar

NSPCC workshops/ presentations

Education minister PEEP group

School improvement plan

Web/app for the whole school

1. Continue to improve attainment

Raising attainment

- literacy read write ink phonics

-love for reading - reps

-reading challenge

-teaching writing

- numeracy attitudes can't do YET

Outdoor learning

2. Close poverty gap

Intervention attainment meeting right time, right reason and right child

1:1 phonics LA

Maths basic facts

Nurture groups- in school and John Muir

Fine motor skills

Positive behaviour

Positive notes home

☆ learner

Over and above - parents invited to assembly to see child receive award

Recognition board in class rooms and whole school- no one loses together time on a Friday

Following Paul Dicks and the nurturing principles

Mrs Crossan - learning /teacher -good lessons for staff and children
- improving environment -structured lesson
- learning council making sure voices are heard

5 key skills "keys to achieve"

1. Resilience
2. Curiosity
3. Creativity
4. Co-operation
5. Reflection

Family learning and parent involvement, share learning

In January there shall be home work clinics, drop in sessions , 1:1 learning

Mrs McNeill P5-7 basic maths facts

Nursery - will have classes on

PEEP Groups

Now your 2

Baby massage

Christmas jingle

Learner progress meetings

Wellbeing

Lee Grieve will host drop ins on a Thursday for cake and a chat

Workshops on anxiety, sleep, toileting and family learning

Parents are invited into the classrooms during the day in a restructure of 'meet the teacher'

PTA update -Tricia MCNicol

£6108 was made last year

Holding AGM Monday 8th October venue tba

Rotating meeting times did not really work change from 1st Friday of month to 1st Monday

Will send out news letters and callander in due corse

There will be no Halloween event this year

Concentrating on Christmas Fayre 8th December @the church hall

There will be 5/6 bake sales through year

Also doing big bake off

School Christmas Cards are being done in school

Hoping to have a car boot sale but issue re toilets but leisure center has public toilet

Planning having stall at gala day

Sponsored something not sure yet

Money in bank used for the

- school app
- sound system for the school
- P7 calculators
- whole school Christmas theater trip a performance of Beauty and the Beast on Wednesday 19th December
- New blocks/ house for nursery

V.M to contact property team re scooter rack midlothian council to install

Whole school disco in summer term

To get tables booked soon for fayre and make groto

Also talked about having P.C meetings in the primary school and even have a joint meeting with the high school

Any other matters

Miss Morgan wished to address the allocation of seating at the end of term assemblies will now be a ballot. Church hall seats around 80 where parents place their names on a list if >80 names will be picked at random <80 open up to every one

Parking arond school is bad again need educate parents and learners on road safety

Next meeting: 21st November 7pm at Newtongrange Primary School