

Newbattle Community High School - Friends of Newbattle Meeting
13th November 2019

Present

D Cunningham	Parent
A Donaldson	Parent
A Westaby	Parent
C Beattie	Counsellor
P McIntosh	Parent
C Park	Parent
G McMillan	Head Teacher
K McLeod	PT Music
L MacLeod	Clerk

Apologies

C Park
J McGhie
K Maynard
M Leslie
S Fairley

Minute of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Treasury Update

Statement was produced and discussed. No funding requests from the school so far.

Matters Arising

Christmas Concert – 17th December. Tea and coffee will be provided by FON along with Juice & biscuits for pupils taking part. Louise to check stock with Mylene. It was agreed that FON would have a raffle/tombola stall on the night and that any other fundraising group would not do the same. Any other groups to be put passed Jena in the first instance. *A request has since come forward for the Cheerleading group to hold a 'Guess how many sweets are in the jar' stall which S Fairley approved.*
Louise will tie in with senior prefects to arrange helpers for the evening.

AOCB

Colin Beattie asked if the local "Special Award" could be presented at the concert. This is usually done at the Community Centre/Club however he thinks it would be better suited to this event. Gib will talk to the Community about this and let CB know.

The group were then given a session with our Learning Technologist to show how we use Google Classroom and how our 'Equipped for Learning' policy works. Some members of the group who were opposed to using phones etc in classrooms were pleasantly surprised at what/how they are used.

Newbattle Community High School - Parent Council Meeting
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DOE pupils have been contacted to complete the course.

Matters Arising

Head Teacher Update

Gib talked about staffing at Newbattle recently and made everyone aware of changes to staffing. Post currently advertised or recently filled are CDT Teacher, Principal Teacher CDT, Computing Teaching, Tracking & Monitoring, Principal Teacher Maths and Principal Teacher of Health & Wellbeing.

Instrumental Music Service

Karen talked the group through the agreement that has been put forward for the Music Service. The 2nd meeting was due to be on 15th November, and then another at Newbattle HS on 11th December should anyone wish to attend. She would be grateful of any support from the community.

Feedback from Parents Survey

Carried forward to next meeting as ML is unable to attend.

Parents Evening Bookings

Catherine raised concerns about the Parents Evening for the Senior Phase. The first evening was on the same night as the Usher Hall concert meaning some parents couldn't attend and some teachers didn't have availability for the second option. *Unfortunately, the Parents Evening sessions were in the school calendar before the Usher Hall concert was confirmed. Going forward, it is something we will try to avoid but this was out of our hands. All parents should still be able to see their chosen teacher and should contact the office if they experience problems with this.*

Revision Sessions

Catherine raised that some subjects were missing from the revision session timetable – in particular English and History. Gib advised that we had a lack of staff volunteering to do this within these departments. The pupils who have attended have found these sessions very useful and staff have had excellent feedback of this and not just about the pizza! English and PE should be added to the sessions soon also. *Update – English, History and PE have now been added onto the sessions.*

AOCB

Financial Update

Gib spoke about the budgets and that we are in line with Midlothian Council's savings plan. Staffing targets are still to be met however he is fighting this with the school role set to increase yearly. An update will be provided as soon as we know more.

School Values

Gib advised that we have had 500 replies to our Values consultations. He is meeting with the Pupil Voice Group tomorrow to do some work on this and how to launch it within the school and with parents. More information will follow.

Date of next Meeting

Wednesday	22 January 2020
Friends of Newbattle	7.00pm
Parent Council	7.30pm
Borthwick Suite, Newbattle High School	