

BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Attendees: Rachel Davies, Carole Sneddon, Pamela Newby, Julie Purdie, Sarah Beck, Linsey Dagger, Fiona Gardner, Melissa Allury, Jennifer Everton, Jennifer Allison, Caroline Findlay, Sarah Stark

Apologies: Lesley Burrell

Re-Cap/ update

Pam Newby opened the meeting and re-capped the new positions which were appointed at the previous meeting.

Constitution & Logo

Rachel Davies has drafted a constitution for the Parent council based on Midlothian councils constitution. This was reviewed and agreed and will be made available on the website. Logos have been designed by Pam Newby and one was chosen to be adopted by the Parent Council.

Parent Council Fundraising

- Sarah Beck provided an update on the fundraising committees achievements. During 2017-2018 £5483.25 was raised (not including funds from dress down days)
- Jennifer Allison confirmed the school collects on average £200 a dress down day but also advised that amount is dropping.
- Halloween disco this year raised £730. This was almost double what was made at last years.
- Christmas Fair is the next fundraiser and it will be the same format as last year. There was a request that class crafts could be slightly cheaper. Jennifer Allison confirmed children will make 2 crafts, 1 to keep and 1 to sell so there is no upset if their craft is sold before they get to it.
- It was been agreed that the dress down day at the end of November will be bring a piece of chocolate rather than bring a pound to school to boost the chocolate for the chocolate tombolo.
- The choir will perform at the Christmas Fair and also at Tesco. The date for the Tesco performance is still to be confirmed.
- Spring disco is planned, the date is to be confirmed.
- Sports day refreshments are planned to go ahead
- Dress down days will continue. The amount is announced at assembly but it was acknowledged that currently parents are not informed of the funds received. Sarah would like to move forward with the fundraising thermometer that the pupil council could update with the funds received each time.
- Julie Purdie suggested a refreshments stall at parents evening.
- Uniform swap shop is to be available at BOATS sessions and possibly parents evening also.
- We are awaiting the results from the blue tokens at Tesco.

- New sports strips have been ordered to replace the current ones. These were partly funded by Stuart & Stuart.
- Wish lists - £4000 was gifted to the school to be spent on wish list purchases. The funds have been partly spent and the list detailing what has been purchased so far will be circulated.
- There was a suggestion made of purchasing lights to be used during school shows. These would be able to be used for assembly performances and the nativity.
- Pam Newby advised there is currently £5389.85 in the account with the only recent expenditure being some purchases for secret room at the Christmas Fair.

Class Reps/ Social Media

- Would like to have a representative from each year group. It was acknowledged this could be tricky as not all year groups are currently represented in the parent council attendees.
- Pam would like to link the Parent council Facebook page to the twitter page.
- Jennifer Allison suggested conducting a survey on how parents would like to be communicated with.
- Parent pay to be looked into as a possible communication tool.

HMIE Inspection - Jennifer Allison

- Jennifer Allison shared a short presentation on the inspection.
- Bonnyrigg has been selected for a short model inspection which is to be carried out next week. It has been 12 years since the previous inspection.
- The quality indicators that Bonnyrigg are being assessed on are:
 - Learning, teaching and assessment
 - Raising attainment and achievement
- Staff will receive verbal feedback at the end of the inspection and the report will be ready in around 10 weeks.
- The inspection report will be published on HMIE website.

AOB/Close - Pam Newby

- The change in homework policy was raised by a parent who had concerns that if the children have no homework it is a then a big change for them when they go to high school. Also, it is a good way of parents finding out what the children are working on. Jennifer Allison offered to do a report for the next meeting on the studies that the decision was based on.
- The next meeting is on Monday the 21st of January
- Pam Newby closed the meeting