

BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

Wednesday 20th March 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Allison, Caroline Finlay, Sarah Stark, Louise Donaldson, Pam Newby, Fiona Gardner, Lesley Burrell, Cat McDermid, Kelly Anderson, Melissa Allum, Linsey Dagger, Rachel Davies.

Apologies: Lynn Ramsay, Susan Thomson and Sarah Beck

Re-Cap/ update

Pam Newby opened the meeting.

The School App is going ahead. Training for staff is on the last week of term and will be launched the first week back after the Easter break.

Feedback was received from parents regarding pupil reports. This year the reports will trial a new format and feedback will be asked for afterwards.

Elect new Chair

Pam is stepping down as Chair as she is moving from the area. Rachel Davies was voted in as the new chair and Linsey Dagger was voted in as the new vice chair.

HMIE Inspection

Jennifer recapped some key points from the report. The school have worked with Nicola McDowall to create a three year plan based on the feedback and Jennifer shared this with the council.

Some of the areas discussed were a focus on literacy next year, looking at how children's progress is monitored and assessed, and ensuring all children are challenged sufficiently.

Budget Update

Jennifer provided an update. The school haven't received their final budget yet but it should be with them April/ May. Music tuition has been saved. The majority of the school budget is taken up in wages. The school normally manages to keep a carry forward balance which is what they use to pay for supply teachers but going forward, the budget for supply teachers is in jeopardy and the management team may have to cover classes when there is an absence. This will have an impact on the school as it will take the management team away from doing their jobs. The school is very concerned about the reduced budget, the impact it will have on the running of the school and also the effect it will have on them meeting the needs of the various children throughout the school who have more complex needs.

The parent council offered to assist by writing to councillors with our concerns regarding the budget and the enormous impact this will have on our school.

School Session Dates

Jennifer shared Midlothian Councils draft term dates for 2020/2021. They currently propose finishing for Christmas on Wednesday the 23rd December. The council felt this was too late and will write to Midlothian Council to feed this back.

Fundraising Update & Treasurers Report

Spring disco are on the 3rd April. AED training went well and another session will be held in the future. Staff are already trained and they will be participating in a session with the children during health week. Cala funding has been applied for to fund playground developments.

There is a balance of £8689.10 in the account with spelling city subscription still to be deducted.

Caroline and Sarah asked for funding to put towards health week to enable them to book individuals/companies to come in and hold sessions for the children. The council approved it.

AOB/Close - Pam Newby

A query was raised about the new nursery hours and Caroline advised there was nothing official to share at the moment. The new model will be rolled out in time for August 2020.

The next meeting is on Thursday the 9th of May and it is the AGM