

## **Minutes from Parent Council AGM, Thursday 23 August 2018**

**Attendees:** Brian Chalmers, Fiona Damen, Mrs Imrie, Mrs Henry, Miss Martin, Mrs Campbell, Scott Arthur, Emma Forson, Lisa Sykes, Nicole Johnston, Anna Hind, Morven Langley, Julie Tickle, Michelle Abell, Louise McLeod, Claire Probert

**Apologies:** Morag Place, Louise Laurie, Kirsten Davie, Suzanne Murray, Hilary Brown, Sue-Ella Holmes

Presentation given showing highlights of the 2017-2018 school year given by Miss Martin.

Minutes of 2017 Parent Council (PC) AGM meeting agreed.

Parent Council members: Brian Chalmers, Chair. Fiona Damen, Vice Chair.

Christine Stewart stepping down as Clerk. Looking for a new Clerk, only paid role of PC, £40 per meeting.

**ACTION:** Class Reps to circulate this to see if anyone is interested in the position.

**ACTION:** Brian to circulate list of Class Reps, to check for any gaps, and will also send out the Class Rep guidelines to clarify what's involved for anyone interested.

### **Update from PC Chair**

Brian highlighted a list of successes last year; opening of the new hall, school's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, diversity and inclusion becoming a standing agenda item, fantastic fundraising generating over £9,000 for the school, and community effort to clear snow from the playground in March.

Larger items bought with PC funds last year included thermoplastic playground markings, nursery equipment, PA system and microphones, Christmas pantomime and P7 disco contributions.

This year there will be requests for funding towards blinds for the new hall and redesign of the top area.

Meeting dates for 2018/2019 are as follows:

25 September

22 November

29 January

5 March

2 May

4 June.

To make future PC meetings as effective as possible, Brian and Fiona will try to deal with certain issues in between meetings, rather than wait and add them to the agendas. They'd encourage parents to contact their Class Rep to raise queries and concerns, and the Reps to send them to Brian and Fiona. They will then try to deal with the school direct and resolve issues in between meetings.

### **Update from Treasurer**

Claire talked through the Parent Council account that now incorporates three accounts – playground, football and fundraising.

### **Update from Mrs Imrie**

Brian will be issuing a Parent Summary in the near future to provide an overview of the SQIP.

School topic just now 'respect for the environment' – encouraging children to keep cloakrooms and shared areas tidy.

The school would like to share more great news about what happens in classes, so there will be more updates coming home in schoolbags.

Working with cluster schools, decided that the word of the week will be taught in both French and German.

Building work over the holidays was rewiring and ceilings replaced. Some work still to be done in changing rooms in old hall. Mulch laid in playground over particularly muddy area.

School are looking for anyone who is keen on gardening to do some work in the playground. Perhaps community work days as happened in the past.

Work still to be done on snagging around the new hall, and the top area. Rewiring and ceiling work still to be done in top area, but not until new design work underway. Designer is working on plans with the contractor, and potentially work could be done in February holidays.

### **Update from Scott Arthur**

Scott pointed out the great fundraising Buckstone PS does for charity, as well as raising funds for the school itself.

17 September work is programmed to start on the new crossing on Buckstone Terrace, near new Cala/David Wilson development.

There will be a review around moving the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph from Buckstone Terrace to Greenbank.

At 17 Buckstone Crescent, (abandoned house), the process is about to start for a compulsory purchase order, as well as Lloyds starting repossession proceedings again.

### **AOB**

Skiing club – Kirsten Davie has been looking at this. Awaiting response about how to keep the club going.

Ukelele Club will be Wednesdays from 3.15-4.00pm. Brian looking for volunteers to run it and will reach out to the parent who had previously offered.