

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting 8/3/11

Present:

1. Staffing

HT started by outlining the staffing position for next year:

- Maths and English sections are now set at 30
- The management structure remains the same
- There is a small dip in the roll which may affect staffing
- There is a 5% reduction in staffing as the staffing formula has changed

This means that:

- Supply staff will be let go
- There will be no replacement of K Sandilands position in English with her appointment as PT Sfl
- Maths – 1 member of staff is reducing to 0.4
- 2 members of staff are being made surplus – Nurture class teacher and PT computing

HT highlighted that we are being much more efficient in terms of the timetable and that refinements in timetabling will have a positive effect in some cases.

ER asked if we would let parents know about the loss of staff. HT responded that we would like it to be business as usual.

RP asked if we were losing 2 PSAs per school. HT indicated that one PSA will retire at Easter and will not be replaced. We have only one ASN PSA – the authority has made a move away from allocating this type of support.

RP asked how many PSAs we have. HT responded that is more down to how many hours we have.

RP said that there are 100 vacancies for PSAs at the moment which will be infilled by CORDIA but there must still be rigour. They will be interviewed centrally and allocated to schools – hopefully on a cluster based scenario. HT will keep the parent council up to date with this.

2. Treasurer Position

C Hamilton and E Wright have been to the bank to sign the paperwork. We may need a new treasurer if E Wright's daughter leaves school at the end of S5. ER has approached parents who will have children in S1 next session.

3. Distribution of Money

CH will get chequebook and cheque will be written to the school fund.

ER requested that school write letter of thanks to parent council which could be displayed on the school notice board.

4. Feedback from Fundraising Committee

There is the possibility of a fundraising event on the 17th June which would hopefully encourage P7 parents to link in.

The fundraising committee will meet on the 22nd March to make a decision about what event to hold.

Allied Motors are keen to support things in the local community – a request would be better coming from the parents council. C Hamilton and ER will sign.

RP said that the parents council is always happy to help but they need to be asked.

CH asked if Parents Council would be involved in the Awards Ceremony. The Parent Council will contribute 2 cups – we will need to think more about this. A raffle on the night would help with the cost of the Awards Ceremony.

5. Playground development

AA will meet with F McLeish to discuss this.

AA told the Parents Council that the community garden would be developed this term.

AOCB

ER thanked the school for the new noticeboard – we will work on filling this with appropriate items.

The parent of pupils at Balornock Primary thanked the school for hosting the pupils for three days. A letter is to be written from the Balornock Primary Parents Council thanking the school.

ER asked K McPherson for feedback re the Visions, Values and Aims SLWG. K McPherson said the Art dept were working on this at present and we are hopeful that the finished product will be ready for August. ER asked if a large one could be placed at the school entrance.

GCPF

RP provided the group with feedback from the GCPF.

- Brenda Wallace spoke at the recent meeting about ASN. An review is taking place regarding ASN and Staged Intervention policy. Parents have expressed concern that the CORDIA staff are not suitable.
- Maureen McKenna is happy with 5+ Higher results
- Budget is £35 million – education is to lose less than 1% of council budget.
- The McCormack review – GCPF have concerns. They are not directly involved in this as it is about teachers pay and conditions but it will go to them to be signed off.

- GCPF also concerned about the time off in April. They are fighting with the council about this. This is on top of the time lost at Christmas due to snow.
- GCP have stopped the CfE fact files going out
- RP said that on a National Level parents are having lots of influence.
- RP requested a slot at the next meeting to feedback about NPF. ER would like to turn next meeting over to Richard and the NPF.
- RP is also on the board of the CfE employability group.
- RP asked about the impact on the school of Glasgow Life taking over the running of the library. HT said that she is happy but the impact of only having a librarian for three days is not good, although pupils do have access over five days.

School Handbook Review

RP indicated that this is almost complete. The feedback is quite good with most people asking for a living document that can be added to, not a paper document.

Big Eat

The ethos is not to keep in but we have been and the it has had a very positive effect on the school.