

Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting

Date: 28th April 2014

Attendance:
Tom Rae-Head Teacher, Mary Brownlee-Chair, Angela Bell-Deputy Head, Ros Marshall, Morag Thomas, Gail Fairgrieve, Caroline Astor, Jane-Anne Dodds, Beatrice Bryant, Ali Grieve, Matthew Watson
1. Apologies: Anne Cunningham, Jenny Anderson

Item	Discussion key points	Action Points
2. Approval of minutes	Minutes approved	

<p>3. Gorgie/ Dalry Consultation</p>	<p>Matthew Watson from CEC Planning Department came to discuss current Draft for Consultation on proposed planning permission for changing the use of a shop unit in Gorgie/Dalry Town Centre. Shop unit vacancies in Gorgie are approx 14% - twice the Edinburgh average (Dalry is approx 7%) Current retail units could change use to: office, dentist, health centre, tanning shop, café, restaurant, snack bar, hot food take-away, pub etc...</p> <p>Comments raised at PC Meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rent & business rates very high in Gorgie -No traders association in the area -No parking -Lots of Supermarkets pushing out small shops -Concerns about promoting healthy eating <p>Please email any comments to:</p> <p>David Rule - Town Centre Manager for Gorgie/Dalry david.rule@edinburgh.gov.uk or Matthew Watson matthew.watson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Tynecastle students were also consulted and requested more Branded Stores, Cafes for socialising and WIFI.</p>	<p>Please email comments</p>
<p>4. Headteacher's Report</p>	<p>Please see foot of these minutes for full HT report</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Parent Council bank balance as at 28/04/14 is £2925.52. The query over invoice for additional janitorial services of £145.13 has been resolved. This was a duplicate. Burns Supper invoice has been paid.</p>	

<p>6. Summer Fair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Caroline and Gail meeting Jim Young on Wednesday to share ideas, Gorgie/Dalry Gala Day programme going out to all cluster Primary Schools. Poster given to Jim. Gail to speak to Jim about Sumo Wrestling -Ros to put up posters at College -Raffle prize donations very good to date -Banner with new date to be displayed on front railings -Mary to ask Pauline/Anne if SRU are bringing Assault Course -Tynie Radio suggested 'Tynie in the Park' with bands playing on a stage/in playground, open to local Edinburgh bands -Jane-Anne and Caroline have had contact with person at Pure Gym wishing to be involved; Spin Bikes/ Beat the Personal Trainer etc... -Bike servicing - Ali -Cupcake competition - Sue writing basic rules -Nail bar - suggested students could run it. Jacquie Ramsay may have surplus supplies - Mary emailed Gordon about Fencing -Mary emailed Mr Miller about Beat the Goalie -Coconut shy? Alan may not be available, cost of coconuts -£35 -Stocks -Sponge the Teacher, suggested students could nominate favourite teachers! -B&Q may donate plants for Plant Stall -Info Stalls; Mandarin, Green Team, WW1 - Hotdogs & Smoothies, Patryk and Joe to be asked to do Smoothie Masterclass, offer Smoothie Hotdog Meal Deal. Need person with Food Hygiene Cert. for food preparation (Caroline to ask 2 parents if they would be interested). Ros offered to buy stock at Macro -Ali to look at Costco for banqueting roll. -Mary has a draft copy of a poster requesting student involvement in Summer Fair A specific Summer Fair meeting will be held at the Caley Sample Rooms on Wednesday 14 welcome 	<p>Beatrice to email Poster Pdf copy to school for website</p> <p>Ros</p> <p>Mary</p> <p>Tom to liaise with Radio staff - Mary to email Music Dept (& HE dept re café)</p> <p>Jane-Anne & Caroline</p> <p>Sue to source prize, and follow up face painting & hula hoop stand</p> <p>Angela to follow up</p> <p>Tom/Mary to follow up with CDT dept Caroline to follow up Tom to organise Angela Angela to check with Miss Moyes about Broiler.</p> <p>Mary to supply to school</p>
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7. New Rep for Neighbourhood West	Nobody noted interest in becoming the new Rep for Tynecastle	
8. AOB	<p>Caroline has spoken to Scott Neill from Edinburgh Capital Ice Hockey Club. He suggested offering a number of allocated seats for Tynecastle students to attend one match in the season at a discounted rate (usual price £7 per student) He would also donate 40% of the ticket sales to the school/Parent Council</p> <p>Ros has written to North British Distillery requesting funding for school planners</p> <p>Gail has sourced a blue cupboard for PC at £183.60.</p>	<p>Caroline to follow up</p> <p>Mary/Gail to liaise with Eileen</p>
<p>Next Meeting: - Summer Fair meeting on Wednesday 14 Caley Sample</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Rooms at 7.00 pm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Parent Council Meeting 2</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">AGM - weather permitting). All welcome!</p> <p>Summer Fair - 14</p>		

Head Teacher's Report 28th April 2014

Staffing update

- Have kept on Temporary Staff during new timetable to support events this term

Attainment

- Mentoring support in place last term
- All students issued with links to study support, individual exam timetables
- All National Qualification Presentations finalised by 31st March

Learning & Teaching

- Detailed returns made to City of Edinburgh on Quality Improvement Indicators 2.1 and 5.3 by end of last term as required. These are used to plan for developments next year.
- iPad launch for S3 later this term and S2 probably at start of next term.

Curriculum (including CfE update)

- New timetable ready to start early on 1st May.

- S4 with three or less exams at N5 in school taking part in bespoke programme. This covers Skills for S5 and offers other options e.g. First Aid, Drama, training with Bank of Scotland staff. All students also to benefit from extra iPad training.

Management issues

- New timetable planned to start on 1st May for S1-4 (ie those S4 not on exam leave)
- New Higher. There will be a mix of options in Edinburgh schools next session. I have agreed with Curriculum Leaders which option they want to offer based on circumstances in the Faculty. We will do what we deem best for our students. Both Highers carry equal weight.

School Life Developments

- Planning for Health and Wellbeing Week (May 12-16) continues to go well. Now involving S4 students not on exam leave.
- Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip successful.
- S2 participated well in Go4SET Challenge in March.
- Newsletter issued in March.
- World Challenge final phase of preparation this month. Departs in June.
- Mandarin continues to develop well.
- Gaelic performances in Skye went well.
- French Trip will depart in May.
- Planning taking place for a Theatre Company to develop and perform a play based around WW1 events linked to the school as part of the centenary activities around WW1 in Scotland.
- S6 final day BBQ and farewells went well last Friday.
- JAS celebration and award ceremony will take place in June.