

## Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting

Date:28/5/12

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Tom Rae- Head Teacher, Angela Bell-Teacher Rep, Mary Brownlee-Chair, Heather Osborne, Jenny Anderson, Anne Cunningham, Ros Marshall, Claudia Esslinger-Community Wing	
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Andrew Burns, Niccola Bertolotto	

Item	Discussion key points	Action Points
2.Approval of minutes	<p>-Plans for Boroughmuir are still out to consultation</p> <p>-Claudia would welcome a Friday morning Parent Council meeting to be held in The Community Wing. It is still to be decided which Friday of the month would be best.</p> <p>-Parents Award/'Student Choice Award'- ideas for this were taken to the Student Council. There were many good ideas such as 'Someone who raises the morale of their class', 'An all-rounder' and 'Gives Sound Advice'. Parents thought someone who had been involved in fund raising might also be included.</p>	<p>School to get nominations from students. Parent Council to liaise with Tom on final decision</p>

<p>3. Head Teacher's report</p>	<p><b>The Full Headteacher's report is included at the foot of the minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Management and Support Structures update-</b>See HT report</p> <p><b>Staffing Update-</b>See HT report</p> <p><b>Attainment-</b>See HT report</p> <p><b>Curriculum (including CfE update)-</b>See HT report.</p> <p>Other notes. S3 induction with Lloyds Banking Group- this was part of a 'Give and Gain Day'. 25 volunteers were matched with 92 S3s on 2 Friday mornings.</p> <p>The next step for the senior phase of the curriculum is further consultation and dialogue with parents. The school has built in some new course options for the senior school.</p> <p>There will be 2 extra in-service days for CfE implementation. These will be in Oct. and Feb.</p> <p>There was a question about the number of subjects to be taken in S4. Tom envisages that 6 subjects will be taken at this level. S4, S5 &amp; S6 will be timetabled together. This will mean that subjects more likely to run as it allows for greater numbers and thus increases possibility of courses running.</p> <p><b>School Life Developments-</b>for details see HT report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There have been many opportunities for children, and the school has received good feedback. A lot of hard work has been involved in organising so many events.</li> <li>-Awards Ceremony-this will be held on Tuesday 26</li> <li>-Curriculum Leaders Strategic Away Day- This will look at Leadership and Change</li> <li>-9th June Craiglockhart School Summer Fair-Tom and Jacquie and S5 students will be going</li> <li>-Gillian Tee is working hard to engage parents in a campaign for local children to attend local schools.</li> <li>-Other events-P6 CSI, Stunt Cycling and Jazz Tea Party for Senior Citizens</li> </ul>	
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4 Curriculum for Excellence Update	-This was covered in the HT Report, and item 3	
5. Constitution	<p>The Constitution promoted a lot of debate. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Need to change the name of the group</li> <li>-Some terminology needs changing e.g. guardians to carers</li> <li>-Launch the new Constitution on the website?</li> <li>-Have a mission statement which should be included on the front page of the Constitution as a summary, should include 5 key points/100 words max</li> </ul>	Work will be carried out to update the Constitution in the autumn. A sub-group will work on this.
6. CCwP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mary has already circulated notes</li> <li>-It was suggested that a Parent Council forum event would be a good idea. Maybe a Literacy Event which can be widened out to include cluster parents.</li> </ul>	
7. Events Group Update * Centenary Summer Fair	<p>Niccola was not able to be at the meeting to give a full update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The 'Let' has been put through. There will be a charge for cleaning and janitorial support</li> <li>-Staff are thinking what they can do with their clubs and groups</li> <li>-The posters and fliers are just about ready</li> <li>-Mary will run a book stall</li> <li>-Tom will run a golf stall!</li> <li>-Event will start at 10am. The school will be open at 8.30am</li> <li>-Publicity was discussed-Heather will take posters to Balgreen and Stenhouse Primaries and Balgreen Library, Jenny-Dalry Primary, Ros-Craiglockhart Primary, Mary-Roseburn Primary, Fountainbridge Library and Co-op, Niccola-Sainsburys, Claudia- Community Centres (6)</li> <li>- it was suggested that in the future The Tynecastle Fair might combine with The Murieston Fair</li> </ul>	<p>There will be a planning meeting for the fair on Monday 11 at the Caley Sample Room at 6pm-Mary will let people know about this.</p> <p>The community wing have been collecting life stories as part of the Centenary celebrations. Although Claudia cannot be at the fair, the work she has been doing will be put on a stall next to Mary's bookstall.</p> <p>Shandon Food Group also hope to have a stall at the fair.</p>
8. A.O.B	None	

## Dates of meetings for next session

-27<sup>th</sup> August AGM, 8

June

### Head Teacher's Report

28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

#### Management and Support Structures update

- Student Support review will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> June. Will result in status quo at THS. 3 SfP Leaders and 1 SfL Leader. DHTs still under consideration.

#### Staffing update

- No surplus staff being sent to THS
- New History teacher started in May as planned
- Three new posts advertised as full-time permanent: CDT, Music, Mathematics
- 5 probationers in August (English, Maths, Science, PE, Modern Studies)
- New Business Manager, Eileen Cochrane starts on 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Active Schools co-ordinator interviews in June

#### Attainment

- SQA exams going well. Rigorous system in place to monitor arrivals and attendance. Reports from invigilation team glowing

#### Curriculum (including CfE update)

- New timetable started 28<sup>th</sup> May
- S2 Course choice student feedback very positive
- Broad General Education (S1-3) will continue with all students having opportunities to experience outcomes and experiences up to level 3 by end of S3
- Consultation on senior phase nearing completion with staff. Ms Turnbull now planning some timetable models. We are having these scrutinised by SQA manager to get SQA feedback too
- S1 audit on Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing successful. Shared with all staff Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. Student awareness of these three areas across subjects was good.

#### School Life Developments

- Olympic Torch visit very successful. All P7 also allowed to see it and take photos. P7 Conference on same day and afternoon in Tynecastle for guest speakers and lunch
- Two ministerial visits went well. Mike Russell has confirmed he will be our Award Ceremony guest speaker
- Many cluster visits in May (P4 Mini-Olympics, P5 (&4) GLOW, P6 CSI). \* Note 1
- Very successful HWB day on 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Curriculum Leaders strategic away day at Surgeon's Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May, led by Tom and Angela
- French trip leaves 29<sup>th</sup> May for Paris
- Edinburgh Learning Festival Hosted by Tynecastle on 8<sup>th</sup> June
- World Challenge trip to Mongolia leaves on 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent Council Fair on 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Award Ceremony on 26<sup>th</sup> June

Note 1:

*I plan to build on this cluster engagement and seek some parent supporters for a new group I plan to set up on promoting our school across the cluster.*