

Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting

Date: 11th November 2014

Attendance:
Tom Rae-Head Teacher, Sue McKendrick-Chair, Angela Bell-Deputy Head, Ros Marshall, Morag Thomas, Gail Fairgrieve, Caroline Astor, Beatrice Bryant, Jane-Anne Dodds, Ali Grieve, Karen Robertson
1. Apologies:
Claudia Esslinger, Nicky Hall, Kris Cumming

Item	Discussion key points	Action Points
2. Approval of minutes	Minutes approved	
3. Poppies	Sue shared a request from the Library Wednesday Club. They are looking for donations of wool, buttons, knitting needles etc. for their project of knitting Poppies for the WW1 centenary celebrations	
4. Pantomime (16 & 17 December)	We discussed the possibility of having a fundraising/Christmas Fair stall before the pantomime and during the interval on each night. Items suggested for sale were choc-ices, alcohol free mulled wine/fruit punch, a raffle (cloakroom tickets), lucky seat. Raffle to be drawn at end of show each night, suggested prizes; tickets for Burns Supper, chocolates, flowers	Sue to send out Doodle-Poll to see who would be available to help. Sue to buy some raffle prizes
5. Raffle Licence	We agreed that a Raffle Licence would be useful for the Burns Supper, Summer Fair and for school clubs	Caroline to liaise with her contact at Licensing Dept.
6. Christmas Cards	Sue suggested sending a Christmas card to all the companies that support us throughout the year. Tom offered some Tynecastle cards	Tom to provide cards Beatrice, Karen & Ros offered to write cards
7. Ice Hockey	Tom met with Scott after the last Parent Council meeting. Eileen Cochrane (Business Manager) is sorting out the promotion and sale of tickets	
8. Storage Cupboard	Eileen has submitted the order form for the new PC Cupboard to MITIE and is awaiting their reply. Gail and Caroline have offered to do a stock-take of all existing PC equipment currently in school stockroom and will transfer it to new cupboard when it arrives	Tom to follow up Gail & Caroline
9. School Fair (13th June)	The Summer Fair will take place on the same day as the Gorgie Dalry Gala Day. Caroline and Gail met with Jim Young on 12 th November and Sue suggested inviting Jim to our March meeting to discuss publicity etc..	
10. Fake That band night	The Prison Officer's Club in McLeod Street is available free of charge as a venue for a fundraising Band Night aimed at over 18's. The club has a Bar and a capacity of 160. The tribute band; Fake That costs £800 for the evening. They play for 2 x 45 mins with a break in the middle and are followed by a Disco. Suggested dates are 25 th or 26 th September 2015	Caroline to check availability of band

	<p>Sue suggested inviting Claudia to our next meeting. Also proposed to invite Place2Be to next meeting.</p> <p>Karen mentioned that we could apply for Neighbourhood Partnership funding which is available for major projects like Place2Be. Karen offered to look into this</p> <p>Ros mentioned that the Rotary Club may also be interested and offered to contact them</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>Ros</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Friday 9th January – special Burns Supper arrangements meeting + social TBC.</p> <p>Tuesday 13th January – Including Place2Be and possibly Community Wing</p> <p>Future Meetings: 3rd March, 28th April, 2nd June(AGM)</p>		
<p>Other Key Dates (Taken from Calendar on Website):</p> <p>Wed 26th Nov: S4-6 Parent's consultation</p> <p>1st-5th Dec: S3 exams</p> <p>16th/17th Dec: School Pantomime</p> <p>Fri 19th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday</p> <p>Tues 6th Jan: Resume</p> <p>Wed 14th Jan: Dance Quest Showcase Evening</p> <p>26th+ 29th Jan: S2 Consultation and Information evenings</p> <p>Fri 30th Jan: Burns Supper with meal, entertainment and ceilidh</p>		

Head Teacher's Report

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Staffing update

- Modern Studies – Ms Taylor started in October.

Attainment

- S3 Exam schedule available on website (exams take place in December). Will be emailed to students later this month.
- Home Learning Initiative in November - target group S4-6
- HT meeting Curriculum Leaders for second round of attainment meetings in November

Learning & Teaching

- S3 iPad training sessions taking place this week
- Lots of extra and voluntary staff training on iPad technology taking place this term

Curriculum

- S1 JASS cycle events completed successfully
- John Muir completed by S3 students. This included a Field Trip to Dunbar
- Pupil Support and CLD team working with S5-6 students to collate wider achievements of individual students this month

Management issues

- Piper and drum lessons started after October week. Going well. Now being rolled out to P5-7 students in feeder primaries
- Mrs Ramsay and Mr Rae attending parent Evenings at cluster primaries this term
- Successful and well attended S1 Parent Evening (92%). Other parents will be contacted by SfP leaders. Excellent feedback
- Budget. All staff being encouraged to engage with the consultation by CEC
- Second Student Council meeting on 10/11/14. Considered budget consultation as well.

School Life Developments

- Battlefields trip students produced excellent short film of trip, which was used in the Remembrance assemblies on 11/11/14. This was delivered jointly with the Chaplaincy Team. Other students from the trip spoke at the Remembrance Day event at the Gorgie Memorial Hall, and showed the film there
- Gender Awareness workshops organised for all S4-6 students (one period) over next few months. Ms Barnett (CL English) leading this initiative
- Anti-bullying month. Special assemblies. S2 surveys for CEC being completed in November
- National Poetry Day marked by successful competition
- Global Citizenship Assemblies in November. Respecting diversity. Led by s McGinley (CL Modern Languages). Linking work with Mr Call in Maths who recently visited Bulgaria with cluster primary colleagues to share thinking in this area
- "Toast", a play about firework night performed to all S1/2 students. Included a safety talk from Fire Officer.
- Pantomime rehearsals going well. P5 cluster students to be invited.