

Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting

Date: 7th October 2014

Attendance:
Tom Rae-Head Teacher, Sue McKendrick-Chair, Angela Bell-Deputy Head, Jenni Robertson - Tynecastle ICT Department, Ros Marshall, Morag Thomas, Gail Fairgrieve, Caroline Astor, Beatrice Bryant, Ali Grieve, Adriana Savu, Karen Robertson
1. Apologies: Anne Ambler, Jane-Anne Dodds, Gavin Corbett, Charlotte Willson

Item	Discussion key points	Action Points
2. Approval of minutes	Minutes approved	
3. Communications	<p>-Website Jenni Robertson gave a presentation of the new website. It is very accessible and optimised for mobile phone, tablet and computer. It is much easier to navigate with a simple Menu tab along the top and drop-down sub-menus. At the end of each page there is a 'Search', 'Translate' and 'Email subscription' option. The school has a twitter account on the Home page and each faculty has its own twitter a/c which is updated directly by faculty staff. The 'Latest News and Events' page has information of up-coming events. The 'Parent Council' page also has details of Easy Fundraising.</p> <p>-Parentmail, used in some Primary Schools, will not be introduced in Tynecastle as SEEMIS is in the process of updating its programme to include a similar service. At present the school uses text to inform parents of important information.</p> <p>-Facebook, Tynecastle HS automatically has a Facebook page due to its feature on Wikipedia. The Parent Council can set up its own Facebook page for promoting up-coming events and sharing useful information with parents. Gail, Caroline and Ali offered to be administrators and Jenni is available to collaborate with them. Any school related queries would be re-directed back to school via email.</p>	Gail, Caroline, Ali and Jenni to set-up
4. Funding	<p>Angela had collected funding requests from different departments and groups. All of the requests were approved as follows:</p> <p>-I Bike - £200 for a tamper-proof lock, oil, brake pads, high-visibility vests</p> <p>-PDA Award S3 & S4 - £50 for paint overalls, turps.</p>	

	<p>Help with taking OAP's on trips to Museums etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Computing Science Club - £100 to pay for a new software programme 'Raspberry PY' -John Muir Award - £250 to subsidise their trip to Dunbar -Ola Costello, Welfare Officer - £20 for bags of compost to re-pot plants in the base -Library - £45 for book token prizes for National Poetry Day competition -English Department/Library - £400 to help fund an Author visit, fees, travelling expenses and purchase of books -Tynie Radio FM - £150 for annual license fee -Modern Languages - £85 for subscription to a language website that included stories, global citizenship, history -Music Department - £350 offered (£850 initially requested) to help subsidise the purchase of instrument tutor books, guitar leads, drumsticks, saxophone reeds -WW1 Tower of London memorial poppies -£85 <p>Boys Basketball team, who received funding last year, thanked the Parent Council for the equipment that they were able to buy.</p> <p>Tom mentioned that it would be helpful if the parent Council were able to help with funding for Place to Be - the in-school counselling service. Suggested that a specific fundraising event could be held with all proceeds donated to Place to Be (or the Raffle at Burns Supper or Pantomime).</p>	
<p>5.Head Teacher's Report</p>	<p>Tom showed a presentation of the recent Battlefield Trip to Flanders, Belgium.</p> <p>He also discussed the success of the recent Open evening.</p> <p>Updates on staffing also provided.</p>	
<p>6.Review of Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gail is liaising with Eileen re PC Cupboard. Eileen checking with MITIE -Tom is meeting with Scott Neill from Capital Ice Hockey re collaboration on 8th October -Caroline is to enquire about making an application for a Raffle License 	<p>Gail, Eileen</p> <p>Caroline</p>
<p>7.A.O.B</p>	<p>Caroline and Gail suggested that the Prison Officers Club would be an ideal venue for holding fundraising events such as Race Nights, Band Tribute Nights etc as a bar license would not be required. To be discussed further at next meeting.</p>	

Next Meeting: 11th November - 7.00 - 8.30 Focus on Events and Fundraising

Future Meetings: 13th January, 3rd March, 28th April, 2nd June(AGM)

Other Key Dates (Taken from Calendar on Website):

Thurs 30th Oct: S1 parent consultation evening

18th + 26th Nov: S4-6 Parent's consultation

1st-5th Dec: S3 exams

16th/17th Dec: School Pantomime

Fri 19th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday

Tues 6th Jan: Resume

Wed 14th Jan: Dance Quest Showcase Evening

26th+ 29th Jan: S2 Consultation and Information evenings

Fri 30th Jan: **Burns Supper** with meal, entertainment and ceilidh