

## Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

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| <b>Attendance:</b>   |
| Angela Bell- Acting Head Teacher, Krissie Davis- Acting Depute Head, Sue McKendrick-Chair, Ros Marshall, Morag Thomas, Gail Fairgrieve, Caroline Astor, Jane-Anne Dodds, Nicky Hall, Adrianna Savu |
| <b>1. Apologies:</b>   |
| Beatrice Bryant, Charlotte Wilson, Karen Robertson   |

| Item                           | Discussion key points  | Action Points   |
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| <b>2. Approval of minutes</b>  | There were a couple of mistakes on the last minutes: Claudia Esslinger is a Learning and Development <b>Worker</b> (not Manager) at the Community Wing and they have links with <b>Homestart</b> (not Surestart)   |   |
| <b>3. Headteacher's Report</b> | Please see foot of these minutes for full <b>Headteacher's report</b> and <b>Looking Ahead Summer Term Report</b>  |   |
| <b>4. Treasurer's Report</b>   | The current balance as of 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 is £2134.04  |   |
| <b>5. Funding Requests</b>     | <p>-PE Department/football team request for £430 is still pending further info</p> <p>-PE Dance costumes - Request for £150 on hold, Miss Clark to purchase sweatshirts from previous funding first</p> <p>-IBike have requested money to buy mudguards to upgrade the stock of bicycles used in school for PE, Jass, H&amp;W events. Agreed a budget up to £200</p> <p>Sue suggested offering cash prizes to encourage more student participation at the summer Fair i.e. Prize to club or student group running best stall, prize for best performer, table tennis champion. Also, all students who help overall get a prize draw ticket</p> <p>Student Council suggestions included a talent competition and a table tennis tournament. Krissie to find out from clubs what students think is most important; participation, money raised etc... Replies requested by 8<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Sue has spoken to Julio Ardillo from Tynie FM regarding talent contest, Battle of the Bands, busking etc.. and is awaiting reply. Krissie to follow-up.</p> <p>Sue has musical contacts that could be interested and Jane-Anne has a friend who works at Castle Radio who may know of un-signed bands that may be interested</p> | <p>Angela</p> <p>Angela/Sue to get price confirmation from Ali</p> <p>Krissie</p> <p>Krissie</p> <p>Sue<br/>Jane-Anne</p> |

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|   | Nicky suggested detailing how money raised benefits clubs. Krissie and Sue to meet on 13 <sup>th</sup> May from 4pm to 5pm to draft policy for website and also to discuss whether all stalls pay £10 to Parent Council and how money raised on stalls is managed. All welcome to attend   | All     |
| <b>6.Raffle</b>                             | Agreed to have Raffle tickets printed for Summer Fair. Cost is £54 for 3000 (600 books of 5)<br>Sue also has a letter requesting prizes that is ready to circulate   | Sue     |
| <b>7.School Fair</b>                        | Discussed the issues around setting up for the fair the night before. Angela confirmed that arrangements for Lets have changed. Krissie to investigate the cost with Eileen<br>Posters are ready and are being advertised in the Gorgie/Dalry Gala Day brochure. Sue is preparing the Bake Off poster for the website and flyers for primary schools, Krissie to ask Jenni Robertson for photos from last year to advertise during assemblies<br><br>Stall suggestions include:<br><br>Clothes Swap<br>Books, CDS, DVDs, Bric-a-brack, plants<br>Face painting/make up<br>Nail bar<br>Bike servicing<br>Smoothie-maker bike - Ali follow up with Sustrans - Charlotte Gardener + pedi-cabs?<br>Bake off.<br>HE - baking and drinks. Other baking?<br>CDT - crafts<br>Sponge the teacher/pupils - stocks<br>Tuck shop<br>Coconut shy<br>Fencing TBC<br>Hook the duck<br>Assault course/sumo wrestling?<br>Treasure hunt<br><br>Sue suggested a further informal Summer Fair meeting - details to be confirmed | Krissie |
| <b>8.Review of Previous minutes And AOB</b> | The new PC cupboard is in the downstairs meeting room. Ros has offered to help sort PC equipment into new cupboard<br>Sue sent a Thank You card to all of the Burns Supper student helpers   | Ros     |
| <b>9.AOB</b>                                | Sue mentioned the Doreen MacIntyre Eco Prize Competition available to Student Councils for Eco Projects. Suggested a Dyson hand Dryer,   |         |

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|   | Angela shared information about a One-off free pilot course: Equalities for Parent Councils - Engaging with culturally diverse groups, especially new migrants on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June from 7.00 - 9.00pm- venue to be confirmed. Booking; course code CF2188 email: candf.cpd@edinburgh.gov.uk |  |
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| <p><b>Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> June (AGM with Refreshments; bring and share nibbles and drinks) 7.00 - 8.30 pm, room to be confirmed, all welcome</b></p> <p><b>Other Key Dates:</b><br/> <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June Summer Fair 12 - 3pm/ Gala Day 12 - 5pm</b><br/> <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Take That Tribute Band at Prison Officers Club</b></p> |   |  |
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## **Head Teacher's Report      28 April 2015**

### **Staffing update**

Tom Rae's departure...

A memorable last day!

Acting appointments

### **Attainment /Achievement**

Attainment Meeting 3 with Faculty Heads took place with focus on post-prelim data and final presentations

SQA exams begin 29 April

### **Learning & Teaching**

Student-led Learning Rounds took place in March, focusing on use of iPads

2.1 Learning & Teaching return to CEC judged as '5 – Very Good'

### **Curriculum**

Coursing completed (for S2, S3, S4 and S5)

Timetable for 2015-16 written, and beginning to be shared with Curricular Leaders

Panda Project underway for S3

Meaningful May begins 29 April – 'much-imitated'... An interesting and exciting programme

5.1 Curriculum return to CEC judged as '5 – Very Good'

5.3 Meeting Needs return to CEC judged as '5 – very good'

### **Management, Leadership and Quality Assurance**

Excellent feedback from CEC student surveys – share some 'top notes'...

CAT 9 took place on Friday, launching the next cycle of school improvement

7 May In Service planned; will include the launch of a Senior Phase IDL approach

### **School Life Developments**

**Look in diary, too... And where is the list I began?!**

Ice Bucket Challenge

Basketball Plate success

Dalry PS beginning a series of Friday visits

Mark Scott Leadership Award

Developing partnerships: Aberdeen Asset Management, Scottish Building Society...

ESS visit to Glasgow

S3 Modern Studies visit to Scottish Parliament including FMQ

Polar Academy!

Bendo Cup football match

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### Looking ahead Summer Term 2015

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| 6 May        | S3 Tracking reports & merits/demerits issued |
| 8- 10 May    | Bronze DoE expedition training               |
| 11-15 May    | HWB Week                                     |
| 19 May       | New timetable begins                         |
| 29 May       | S1 Full reports & merits/demerits issued     |
| 1 and 2 June | S5/6 Induction                               |
| 5 June       | S6 Prom                                      |
| 13 June      | Summer Fair                                  |
| 15 June      | Primary transition begins                    |
| 22-23 June   | Bronze DoE expedition                        |
| 23 June      | Awards Ceremony                              |
| 26 June      | End of term                                  |