

Tynecastle Parent Council Meeting 17 November 2015

Attendance: Sue McKendrick-Chair, Hazel Kinnear-Head Teacher, Gail Fairgrieve, Caroline Astor, Beatrice Bryant, Jane-Anne Dodds, Lesley Ramage, Karen Robertson-Minutes. Ros Sutherland (Item 1).

Apologies: Morag Thomas and Nicola Hall

Item	Discussion key points	Action by
<p>1. Introduction, apologies and approval of minutes</p>	<p>Sue made introductions and noted apologies.</p> <p>Minutes of 27.10.15 meeting approved.</p>	
<p>2. Guest Speaker: Ros Sutherland, City of Edinburgh Council, Grant Funding</p>	<p>Ros gave us an overview of the grant funding advice available to the Parent Council and some pointers on making applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be clear about what you want. • Ros can work with individuals or groups and can offer quality assurance and advice on applications. • Parent Councils are partners of the council rather than external bodies. • Ros can help support Parent Council to liaise with different departments in the council. • Financial accounts need to be robust and audited. • Do we want to look at longer term funding over a three year period. • Some funders offer 2 stage funding. • Useful to meet funders to discuss applications. • Corporate social responsibility. How can children partner with private companies and businesses? Sponsorship? • Funding for 2016/17. We can apply for funding while our constitution is being considered by OSCAR. <p>Our existing Parent Council constitution will need to be updated to allow us to register as a charity with OSCAR. OSCAR requires that our constitution must have a dissolution clause. Ros provided a copy of a Scottish Parent Council model constitution. This is available on the SPTC website. http://www.sptc.info/.</p> <p>Scottish Government website provides the Parental Involvement Act 2006. Section D offers guidance for Parent Councils http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/parentalinvolvementguidance_tcm4-374238.pdf</p> <p>All agreed that our current main fundraising priority is support the Place 2 Be (around £35k per year). Ros will look for funders who promote health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Council are reviewing a range of services, including Place to Be. Reporting timetable not yet agreed, but the review is unlikely to be finished by August 2016.</p>	

	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update Constitution. 2. Identify a range of funding sources for Place to Be and identify the information they need from us. 3. Produce a core piece of text to be used for different funding applications. Karen will ask Jacqui - and Sarah Haywood of Place to Be to supply core text. 4. Ros to email us a brief of the answers we need to work up for our core text (3-4 pages) for applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does Place to Be do? • What's their ethos, set of values - and how does this fit with our values? • What do we want to achieve with the funding? • Why do we want them to continue to be in our school? • What are we asking P2B to do? For example - How many 1 to 1 sessions. How many group sessions? Is it linked to peer support, mentoring programmes within the school? Does it form the basis of peer learning or support within the school? • What difference does the P2B service make? 	<p>Sue</p> <p>Ros</p> <p>Jacqui, Sarah, Karen,</p> <p>Ros</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The balance as of 17 November is £1,871.01.</p> <p>The Annual Accounts have been audited by Elaine Lawther and all is in good order.</p> <p>All recorded thanks to Elaine Lawther for auditing the accounts and to Caroline Astor for her excellent work as Treasurer.</p>	
<p>4. HeadTeacher's Report</p>	<p>Hazel noted the following:</p> <p>Student Experiences and Engagement with Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the 2nd December selected 52 students will be spending the day at Heriot Watt where they will hang their lanterns to be displayed alongside a professionally designed outdoor light show by Malcolm Innes - lead artist of the Botanical Garden Lights. They will then visit the science department for some workshops, visit some Year of Illuminations exhibitions and participate in a talk by Jim Alkhalili OBE, who is a British scientist, author and broadcaster. He is also professor of Physics at the University of Surrey - this daytime event is open only to participating students and teachers. However, the free light event and lecture will be repeated in the evening for adult audiences and families with children aged 9+. Our students' lanterns will be displayed in a prominent position and will be best visible in the evening. Registration and programme is available on Eventbrite 	

<https://hwuilluminations.eventbrite.co.uk>

- Remembrance service - The Headteacher attended this service at Haymarket on behalf of the school community and laid a wreath. Our ceramic poppies have been at the centre of our Remembrance display at the front of the school and in the future will be placed in a 1930s/40s style display cabinet.
- The Project Kitbag Exhibition was very successfully launched at Fountainbridge Library on Wednesday 11th November to coincide with Armistice Day. The project was created in partnership with CEC Arts and Creative Learning, and Historic Scotland's learning team. Our S3 students had worked collaboratively and created an impressive showcase exhibition that was staged in the school in June. Due to the success of their work they were asked to replicate the exhibition which was a showcase of music, film, art and writing bringing to life the experiences of those on the front line and at home during WW1.
- Our Career Fair for S4s and selected S5/6 students was very favourably evaluated. The event saw 16 stalls of training providers, businesses and Edinburgh College help our young people to start thinking about future pathways. Next year we plan to extend this event based on feedback received.
- We were delighted to host a visit from the Justice Secretary, Michael Matheson, and the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) founder Jackson Katz this week. Two of our senior students had the opportunity to talk about their experiences of the MVP programme and the visit was featured in an [Evening News article](#). The MVP programme equips our students with the skills and confidence to know that as empowered bystanders they can do something to prevent all forms of bullying and gender-based violence. This allows our students to develop a more resilient attitude to life, which will reap long-term benefits for them as they grow and move on from school into adult life and a positive destination
- Our S5 Career Ready programme was launched with a breakfast meeting for businesses, parents and students. This programme offers high quality business partnerships, work experience and mentoring for selected young people. We were delighted with the positive start to the programme.
- Our Mentoring programme has been recently launched and is offering targeted support for selected students in S4 - S6. This support is provided alongside our extensive Study Support programme to ensure that all young people achieve their potential.
- S1 Parents' Night was well attended and feedback was very positive.
- S2 Parent's Night is early in 2016 - timed to support

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	<p>subject choices as in all schools who make choices at this time. This is a well-planned model using PSE also to ensure young people make the best possible choices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S3s embark on their Examination Experience week beginning 30th November. We are employing invigilators which will ensure the most realistic experience to best prepare our students. <p>Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics interviews were due to take place on Thursday 19th November. • New English, Art and Music teachers are now in post. • The acting Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages is due to start soon. • There will be 2 maths vacancies from January 2016 and advertisements are already out to ensure continuity for next session. • Instrumental service staff provide music lessons and an offer has been made for staff from IMS to attend Parent Councils if requested. Hazel will provide the document explaining this service and the Parent Council can decide if they would like to accept this offer for a future meeting. 	
	<p>See Actions at Item 2.</p> <p>Edinburgh Council are inviting applications for projects up to £1,000. Applications due by 30 November. The pupil council plan to submit an application. Other ideas are to seek funding for bikes, school fair activities.</p> <p>Panto - 15 and 16 December 2015 School home economics department will organise the raffle to raise funds for their activities.</p> <p>Parent Council will run a tuck shop.</p> <p>Burns Supper - Friday 29 January 2016 Costs: Band £380, Cleaning than £100. Sue will sort out caterers and confirm costs.</p> <p>Ticket Price: £12.50 adults and £8 children.</p> <p>School Fair - 11 June 2016 We had a wide ranging discussion, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is June the best date? Would early in the new term enable more involvement from new parents? - Aim more at kids and get the kids more involved. - Ask the kids what they want via the pupil council. 	<p>Sue</p> <p>Sue</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek grant to cover costs of activities. - Tynie in the park theme? Concert? - Lesley to ask Denise Oldham (Anne Budge's PA at Hearts) if they can supply people/materials for Fair? - Lesley to ask Julie if Murrayfield Scottish Rugby can supply people/materials for School Fair. 	
<p>Future Parent Council Meetings: Monday 11 January 2016 Tuesday 23 February 2016 Monday 25 April 2016 Tuesday 31 May 2016</p>		
<p>Other Key Dates: 15 December (evening) and 16 December (matinee and evening) - Panto 29 January 2015 - Burns Supper 11 June 2016 - School Fair 12.00 - 3.00pm</p>		