

Minutes of the Tynecastle Parent & Carer Council Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30pm

Attendees:	Gareth, Sophia, Elaine, Iain, Hazel, Moira
Apologies:	Ashley, Simon, Rachel

<p>1. Introduction, quorum, apologies and approval of minutes</p>	<p>Gareth welcomed everyone. No introductions were necessary. The meeting was quorate. The previous minutes were approved and seconded.</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Hazel to investigate analysis on email engagement</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Look at opening bar selling soft drinks during period before Spring Fling next year</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 AGM discussion topic around strategic fundraising goals due to negligible funds</p> <p>ACTION: 20190429 Elaine and Moira to create easyfundraising promotion pack for a future meeting</p> <p>ACTION: 20190930 Hazel to bring progress visit report once available</p> <p>ACTION: 20191118 IM to send fundraising committee contact details of social media contact for future sponsorship requests</p> <p>ACTION: 20191118 HK to consider if any significant costs involved for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration</p>
<p>2. Head Teacher's Report: Hazel Kinnear</p>	<p>Dance show was successful. Christmas concert received good feedback. Panto went very well and p5s matinee performance was particularly good. Ceilidhs took place during the last week which were great and looking to integrate that into Burns' Night planning next year.</p> <p>The follow up visit for the progress report has taken place and a draft is ready. It will be tweaked before circulating to parents.</p> <p>S3 exams began before Christmas. Prelims started yesterday.</p> <p>There is a possibility of working with Watsons and other schools to connect with classrooms in Malawi.</p> <p>CL science role was advertised before Christmas however there were not sufficient candidates to go to interview so HK has appointed someone in an acting capacity and will be readvertising in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Andy Bryce has been appointed as senior development officer to raise attainment and support digital learning and he started after Christmas.</p> <p>S2 parents have requested information regarding course choices. This will be circulated w/c 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, with an open evening on 29<sup>th</sup> and the parents evening on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prelims – 13.1.20 – 24.1.20</li> <li>• Burns Night 24.1.20</li> <li>• Holocaust Memorial Event 27.1.20</li> <li>• Senior Phase Information Evening 19.2.20</li> </ul> <p>ACTION: Consider how to integrate social dance lessons with Burns' Night for 2021.</p> <p>ACTION: Andy Bryce to attend next parent council meeting Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to discuss raising attainment</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's Report: Elaine Lawther</p>	<p>There has not been much movement on the account. A few people have needed chased for race night monies due.</p>

<p>a) Fundraising update</p>	<p>a) Music for all grant application was successful to the value of £1900 which will be spent purchasing new instruments. MM is also looking at approaching Creative Scotland for an exciting digital music editing project taking place to hopefully take place next year. As MM is returning to work in January, we are looking for a fundraising coordinator to step up and help out.</p> <p>ACTION: MC to provide MM with materials required for grant funders  ACTION: All parents welcome to get more heavily involved with fundraising, whether this is running events or applying for grants.  Anyone interested should email <a href="mailto:tynecastlepc@gmail.com">tynecastlepc@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>4. Funding Forms</p>	<p>Two funding forms have been received.</p> <p>a) STEM improvement group have made a bid for trialling Ozobot technology to support future STEM activity across the school and in the robotics club. They requested the purchase of a single Ozobot for test and trial purposes at a cost of £103.86. This was APPROVED by the P&amp;CC.</p> <p>b) The English faculty have requested £384 to invest in an online spelling programme called SumDog Spelling. They would like to purchase licenses to allow all our current S1s access to the programme. The P&amp;CC questioned whether licenses were for the calendar year or the academic year, as well as if other resources had been explored. The P&amp;CC have requested that a fuller discussion take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: HK to bring further info on SumDog request to next meeting</p>
<p>5. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration planning</p>	<p>When is it to be? MM informed the group that GDCC are planning a summer fair on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June. Should the event clash or avoid clash? Is it better to do on a Saturday or a Friday?</p> <p>The plan is to have food plus performances plus tours of the school. School alumni are welcome!</p> <p>ACTION: HK to consider a date and return with it to next meeting.</p>
<p>6. Burns' Night Planning</p>	<p>Poster and tickets have been designed. Email to parents to cc HK. Shopping volunteers are Cat and Mel, who are also on cooking. There will be veggie haggis. IM and Rachel to set up. SW and Alex to tidy up.</p> <p>ACTION: MM to set up spreadsheet and circulate to detail where has been approached</p> <p>ACTION: HK to provide MM with full agenda for the night</p> <p>ACTION: MM to set up Eventbrite link and sent to IM</p> <p>ACTION: SW to email Julie re baking, IM to provide tablet</p> <p>ACTION: Raffle prizes</p> <p>a) SW Sample Room  b) MM Diggers  c) MM 12 triangles  d) SW Shandon pizza  e) HK First Coast  f) All: hamper (HK to provide)</p> <p>ACTION: EL to order table wrap and paper plates</p>
<p>7. A.O.B.</p>	<p>GO provided an update about CCWP meeting:</p> <p>a) Session dates were discussed as autumn term was due to finish on 23<sup>rd</sup> December but as that's so close to Christmas they're looking to move to 22<sup>nd</sup> December instead</p>

	<p>b) Budget setting was discussed, the shared CEC Educational budget. However the election means that the Scottish Government doesn't know their funds until March, whereas the CEC has to set their preliminary budget prior to that. There is not a lot of money. Department savings are likely to be lower than the last few years but still a lot. They're avoiding schools but stripping away central support functions. Less stringent cuts but still a lot of spending scrutiny.</p>
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