

Minutes of the Tynecastle Parent & Carer Council Meeting

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm

Attendees:	Gareth, Elaine, Hazel, Iain, Rachel
Apologies:	Moir

<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. Guest presentation: Andy Bryce on raising attainment</p>	<p>Andy was appointed in January 2020. He has held a number of posts including a previous spell as Head of Maths at Tynecastle.</p> <p>Andy provided an overview of his current responsibilities as Senior Development Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Learning Strategy - managing 1-to-1 support from S3 onwards regarding use of iPads. Developing and making best use of resources available. S3 launch was in January- will look to move it forward next year</li> <li>• Website maintenance- ensuring content is up to date and information for pupils, parents and carers is readily available</li> <li>• Managing Infohub database - this is the repository for information and data that school uses to produce things such as the tracking reports. Part of role is to draw together multiple sources of information that are currently held in different systems and locations. This makes for a more coherent and useful database to support learning. For example, the standardised assessment tests at S3 can be carried out at a slightly earlier time in the year. The feedback can be used to look at strength and weaknesses providing a focus for teaching</li> <li>• Raising Attainment - work with targeted groups is ongoing within the S4 cohort</li> </ul> <p>IM noted that as part of the City Deal funding available to Edinburgh there is a support stream regarding data systems. This is a potential source of support in developing the Infohub system</p> <p>In context of attainment Iain wondered if there was any feedback on recent set of Nat 5 results. Particularly interested in impact of length of</p>

	<p>exams therefore greater need for time management rather than knowledge to complete answers There was no specific feedback on this to the knowledge of the school.</p> <p>ACTION20200224: IM to pass on contact details to Andy</p>
<p>3. Head Teacher's Report: Hazel Kinnear a) Curriculum review update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S3 iPad launch took place at Hearts stadium</li> <li>• Burns Supper had been very successful with the largest parent/carer attendance of recent years</li> <li>• Pipe Band Development Weekend was well attended with many participants from cluster schools coming to Tynecastle. The band will be competing in the Schools' Championship in March</li> <li>• Parent/carer information evenings for both S2 and S3 took place in January and feedback from these was generally positive</li> <li>• Senior Phase Information Evening took a different format to previous years with three separate topic sessions including mental health and well-being, college application support and more general support regarding course selection. This was well received</li> <li>• Graduation of the Brilliant Club Members saw 12 students who had been working with PhD students at the University recognised for their achievement</li> <li>• Senior students visited Glasgow University as part of ongoing STEM support</li> <li>• Upcoming events include: LiM Rogers Memorial Football Match (13th Mar), iPad support event (30th Mar), Sports Award (2nd April), Tynie's Got Talent (3rd April)</li> <li>• Curriculum Review now complete. Vote on change to structure of day (3-2-2; 2-3-2 or 2-2-3) to be released shortly. Priorities identified in the consultations will be taken forward</li> </ul> <p>EL asked about Budget position for 2020/21 given recent Budget position set out by CEC. AG gave an overview of the Budget setting process. Hard decisions had to be made given interim settlement from Scot Gov. Although the proposed reduction in Education &amp; Families budget is less than 1% of total budget this will clearly have a direct impact on the school GO noted that there might be a change in position pending UK Gov budget on 11th Mar and finalised budgets for Scot Gov and therefore CEC. We should also continue to work through Locality and CCwP meetings to work with CEC officers and Councillors to minimise budget impacts and highlight issues where they arise.</p> <p>The meeting was keen to explore any funding routes to support the school in minimising impact of any budget cuts. One route is to use crowdfunding - though not clear if school could accept any such donation The question of whether pupils take part in any music competitions was raised. Hazel noted that there are various performance</p>

	<p>opportunities for students across the academic year and a city wide concert at the Queens Hall</p> <p>ACTION20200224: Funding position to be reviewed at future meetings ACTION20200224: contact Miss Patterson and Miss Pugh for further details</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's Report: Elaine Lawther</p> <p>a) Burns' Night update</p>	<p>Elaine noted balance of around £2,500 at January Burns Supper had raised around £200. Given major fund raising activities (race Night and Burns Supper) now complete we expect balance to fall to perhaps £2k by end of current academic year. Note of thanks to all those who helped with Burns Supper - particularly Moira and her sister and staff who were a huge help. It was noted that the fundraising sub-committee has not been able to extend its membership beyond existing (small) group</p> <p>ACTION20200224: EL to issue another request for volunteers to join</p>
<p>5. Funding Forms</p> <p>a) SumDog Spelling</p> <p>b) Carnegie Book Club</p>	<p>a) Sumdog Spelling: Meeting was not comfortable that there could be a sustainable funding model to support use of the software Beyond the initial pilot. This request was therefore DECLINED.</p> <p>b) Carnegie Award: This funding request was APPROVED.</p> <p>c) Sports Achievement Awards: This funding request was APPROVED.</p> <p>ACTION20200224: EL to respond to Sumdog applicant to explain decision</p>
<p>6. Planning</p> <p>a) Spring Fling</p> <p>b) Open Day</p>	<p>a) Spring Fling has been modified so there will now be an event in June with cluster primaries involved</p> <p>b) 10 year anniversary event to take place on Thursday 4th June afternoon into early evening. Plan to have some music, food from different countries representative of the diversity of the school family and tours of the school for those that want to. Keen to build a database of former pupils so as to demonstrate the achievements and wider contributions of the school community</p> <p>ACTION20200224: IM and EL to use social media to promote</p>
<p>7. A.O.B.</p>	<p>a) Is library closed? Hazel notes that it is not closed unless the librarian is unwell</p> <p>b) City Farm - It was noted that the City Darn reopens on 29th Feb. The cafe has stated that it will welcome school pupils at lunch time.</p> <p>c) Music for All grant needs photos of what money is spent on</p> <p>d) Gareth attends the South West Locality and CCwP meetings on behalf of Tynecastle PCC. The latest SW Locality Meeting focussed on Rising Rolls and the latest projections of student numbers for schools across the city. Projections span a 10 year period and are used to assist planning for school building requirements where accommodation pressures are identified.</p>

	<p>Tynecastle has a current roll within its capacity. While this is projected to rise, it is not anticipated to reach the capacity limits. Cluster primary rolls are projected to remain reasonably constant or slightly rise over the same period. The next meeting of the CCwP is 27th Feb. Gareth will report back to next meeting on Budget updates and other news.</p>
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**ACTION:** Iain to email Moira to confirm details of grant photos required