

Papdale Parent Council Meeting 23rd April 2018

Present: Katie, Karyn, Ruth, Paula, Nicola, Inga, Jo, Rachel, Audrey, Tracy, Kevin, Jane, Jos, Tanya

Apologies: Anthea, Leah, Karen, Lorna, Shayron.

Leah and Anthea are unable to commit to the meetings anymore and have asked to be removed from the Parent Council. As we have enough members to cover the classes and enough members to vote it was agreed that Anthea and Leah are able to step down. The parent council are sad to lose these two special members of the committee and are grateful for all their help and efforts over the years.

2. The minutes of the last meeting of 12.2.18 were approved by Katie Croy and seconded by Jo Tait.

3. Head Teacher Report – Papdale Primary School has been awarded the green flag award for being an Eco school. The new flag will be flying over the school. Bag the Bruck has been happening around the school. See school blog for more information. Letters are going out about changes to class structures for the next school year. Current P1 will become two P2 classes and a composite P1/2 with up to 26 pupils in a composite. The maximum numbers for classes are p1 25 pupils, P2/3 is 30 pupils, p4-7 is 33 pupils. The Current P3 will become two P4 classes with up to 30 in a class and the current P6 with two P6 and a composite will become three P7 classes with about 24 in each class. There will be 18 classes next term and all classes affected will be receiving a letter detailing the changes.

7. James Wylie joined the meeting at 6.30pm. Jane is sadly retiring at the end of the summer term and so the school will be recruiting for a new head teacher. The parent council formally thanked Jane for all her hard work and being an excellent head teacher in the school. She has worked very hard and always worked well with the parent council and will be a huge miss. James stated it will be an anxious time for staff and children worrying about Jane retiring and wondering who will be taking over. There will be an interview panel with Wilf Weir (Executive Director of Education), James Wylie (Head of Schools), Carol McManus (Service Improvement Officer), HR Advisor, 2 elected members and two parent council representatives and a Union Rep. The advert is due to close on the 13th May. There will be shortlisting likely the week beginning the 14th May and Interviews likely the week of the 14th June. The candidate will need to have significant experience as a Deputy or Head Teacher and it is possible to go back to advert if no candidate is identified to interview. The candidates will be given a tour of the school as it is a two way process the candidate needs to interview Papdale too, meet staff, pupils and parent council. They will be given a task with an in-tray, situations and scenarios and asked how they would approach it. There will be a presentation, round of questions. may have pupil involvement too. The candidate will likely need to give a period of 8 weeks notice to their current school of which holiday period is not allowed to be included as notice. The outgoing head teacher is not included on the interview panel but meets the candidates. There also needs to

be two parent council representatives. They must have attended recruitment and selection training. Nicola, Karyn, Audrey and Tanya have attended this training. It was felt that Tanya and Nicola should attend if possible as they have younger children who will be in Papdale for several years. James' secretary will contact these four with the training to arrange times and dates. Jane will write to the parents to let them know she is retiring.

4. Support for Learning Cuts – Karyn has not heard anymore from Hope School Parent Council. The OIC are looking at the schools and auditing to work out how much and what support is needed.

5. School Disco thank you to Ruth, Jo, Tanya and Kevin for all their help. Parent Council to put a plea to the teachers for help. It was agreed there should be one contact for names to help probably the office.

It was felt an article about the parent council purchases would be beneficial...may need to identify someone to write this!

8. The Nursery are developing their outdoor area. There are a few events coming up which will be on a calendar which is being sent out there is a family picnic day on the 8th June, 14th June is the summer concert.

A school disco for Halloween was suggested of 1st November and end of January it was suggested disco dates are set in June for the next year.

6. Tanya asked if the meeting time could be moved to 5.30pm and finish at 7pm as lots of people are having to leave at 7pm and the meetings are going on rather late. It was agreed we would try the new time of 5-30pm in June.

8. There is an internet safety meeting on Wednesday at Glaitness for all Kirkwall parents.

The last day of term is a Monday!

Leah is keen for someone to take the Christmas shopping night on in November. Leah will happily provide support. Katie Croy said she would consider it and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Ruth provided a list of the Parent Council financial contributions over the last three years which I will attach to the minutes.

The next meeting is on Monday 11th June at the new time of 5.30pm.

The meeting closed at 19.50pm.

Parent Council Financial Contributions

2015

Netball UK	£219.98
IPADS	£12301.87
Lagganlia	£670.00

2016

Netball UK	£326.56 (Netball Outfits)
Nursery Furniture	£2000.00
IPADS	£4202.11
Lagganlia	£500
Netball Trip	£270
P4 Inverness Trip	£250
CD Players	£119.97
P6 Hoy Trip	£287.50

2017

Lagganlia	£960
Steel Pan Tuning	£873.01
IPADS	£3834.54
Waterproofs	£1056
Waterproofs	£1520
Hoy Trip	£500