

## Parent council AGM held at Heathryburn school 11/09/18 minutes

**Present:** Louise Elrick, Mrs Mani, Pam Farmery, Jo Paterson, Danielle Barclay, Jenna Buchan and Julie Murdoch.

**Apologies:** Shona Davidson, Lesley Parker, Madelene Macsween, Kelly Milne, Miss Baxter, Fiona McNulty, Angela Lamb and Andrea Rae.

### Head teacher report

Following the appointment of Miss Jones as the teacher for primary two the school is now fully staffed, Miss Lal will now be in the rainbow room. Through the PEF two new PSA's have been appointed to hopefully start in October. Mrs Smith from nursery has moved on and a new EYP has been appointed.

Also through PEF a new family learning worker called Angela Grainger will now be based in school two and a half days ( days to be confirmed) she will be based in the parents room. Angela will be at parents evening for a chance for parents to meet her.

Mrs McCulloch our barnardos worker will carry on her work this year from the PEF.

Chris Dunhill has been appointed as the school business ambassador who will help to create community links.

Our school improvement priorities remain at the forefront:

- 1. Embedding assessment is for learning practices in all classes-** looking back again at assessment to help create an assessment policy.
- 2. Improved mental maths and problem solving skills-** looking at mental maths progression, a pilot for this will be put out to staff.
- 3. Raising attainment in literacy, language and communication-** looking at carrying emerging literacy from primary one all the way through to primary seven.
- 4. Improve the health and wellbeing of pupils-**looking closely at nurture and using PEF to assist with this.
- 5. Continued curriculum development-** curriculum rationale drivers will be put into a document or image that can then be shared with the parent forum.
- 6. Improved parental engagement-** Mrs Mani and Miss Baxter are going to be involved with helping to improve parental engagement it is hoped one of them should always be able to attend parent council meetings.

We have decided moving forward that the primary seven hoodies will no longer be a gift from the PTA so it will now go out for parental consultation to see if they would wish to purchase their own with the hope that these can then be ordered in October.

**Pam** to look into bag packing dates for the primary sevens, hopefully one for this year and then one for next year.

## **Finance report**

The parent council audit is now due, accounts as yet have not been submitted. **Jenna** has been in contact with Donna Cuthill and hopefully these can now be submitted Asap. Once the audit has been approved by the council the next batch of funding will be released.

## **Committee elections**

**Chair: Danielle** proposed by Pam and seconded by Jo.

**Vice chair: Pam** proposed by Jenna and seconded by Danielle.

**Treasurer: Jenna** proposed by Pam and seconded by Julie.

**Secretary: Jo** proposed by Danielle and seconded by Pam.

## **AOB**

Going forward starting from next term parent council will also be putting a newsletter out as well as a school one.

Any info we require to be put into the webpage should now be passed to Mr Clayson.

We will try for the next meeting to have a nighttime one so we can then look back at numbers compared to a daytime one and see where we go from there.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday the 7th of November at 6.30pm.**