

King's Park Primary School Parent Council AGM - 12th June 2019

Minutes

Present: Karlyn Durrant (Co-Secretary), Jasmine Mailley, Jennifer McKay (Acting PT), Aoibhe O'Callaghan (Chair), Zoe Orr (Depute Head), Robbie Pearson, Laurinda Renton (Head Teacher), Laurent Yahi.

Apologies: Kate Bremner, Laura Cockram, John Hackett, Vicky Haylott, Jillian Phair.

Actions Carried over: LR has clarified with school office re method of communicating important information (Bag Drop, Pigeon, Letter). More discussion will follow in August. A Comms committee to start in new term.

Sub-Groups Update:

COSD: It was discussed to involve Rona Duncan from Midlothian Council on finalising the letter to go out to parent forum on COSD fund for school trip costs. Method of administration needs to be clearly communicated.

- Stationery packs to be ordered and given to children in new term.
- Uniform packs to be sorted and stored in school according to size/age.

Parent Council AGM Report

This year the Parent Council established sub-groups to support school and the Senior Management Team in delivering priorities from the 2018/19 School Improvement Plan. We gave the wider parent forum the chance to join these and engage with the work that we do to support the aims of the school. Over the school year we developed a good working partnership and communication channels with our new Head Teacher and the Senior Management Team. We increased the frequency of our Parent Council meetings by one to 5 per year.

Pupil Reporting was a success, we took the parents feedback on board and will continue to do so. Roll out of the See-Saw Pupil Reporting App is currently being piloted and this will launch to all classes in August. P5 and P6 parents have been involved in the pilot for this. Reflecting feedback gathered from parents in 2017/18, the SMT have arranged for Parent Consultations to increase from 2 to 3 per year as of August 2019.

Health and Wellbeing has had a great year within the school and we have worked with the school and the PTA to develop Nurture facilities. The new Nurture room has delivered sessions to Kings Park pupils for a few months now. The room has been fitted out with furniture and equipment

The Paul Dix session held in school was a helpful intro to the Nurture Approach for Parent Council parents and was well attended. It was one of a series of opportunities for parent participation in the formation of the school's positive relationships and behaviours approach.

Parents of children with ASN have organised meet up sessions and LR has said that the Nurture room can be available for this depending on scheduling.

Communication Parent Council has worked with the Senior Management Team to increase the quality and quantity of communication via website updates, school newsletter, ad hoc updates, twitter and Pigeon posts. The RSS feed was added to the school website and the Pigeon App continued to gain users. The Parent Council and PTA Facebook page has reposted important notices where possible and stats show that engagement with the parent/carer forum via Facebook page has increased with more frequent posts and updates as well as topic-focused posting such as Online Safety week.

Phil Bowen will be leaving Kings Park so we extend thanks for all his help to date with the school website and the pigeon app.

Overall: The three initiatives of the Cost of the School Day project will hopefully make a difference when additional costs at school are a challenge.

Participation in COSD project at Community Events at school and introducing the Parent Council to new families at the P1 Info evening has increased the visibility of the Parent Council in school. Initiatives such as the Paired Reading programme have also brought parents into the school.

LR would like continued support from the PC for the School Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

The PC will try to build further on the work undertaken this year on council budget cuts to build links with cluster school parent councils and engage effectively with the parent forum and with Midlothian Council on consultations and the impact of budget cuts on pupils at Kings Park.

Should new sub-groups begin again in the new term there is the potential set up Whats App groups for updates/progress.

PTA Report

Laurent Yahi presented the PTA report. He is taking over the role of Secretary for the PTA. Funds were raised to support the Nurture room. P1 book bags were bought this year again. P7 leavers gifts were purchased, and the Sum Dog subscription was also paid for.

A balance of £14k was recorded but further spends have been allocated within this, the cheques will be written once school finalises costs.

Thank you to the parents for their continued help and support.

Aoibhe thanked Laurent for his report and the parents involved with the PTA for their hard work and dedication in raising funds and hosting enjoyable events throughout the year.

Head Teacher's Report

There will be a version of the School Improvement Plan to share with parents in September.

The focus will be on Raising Attainment. The 3 areas to be focused on will be

1: Numeracy & Writing.

2: Learning, Teaching & Assessment, this will include areas such as See Saw, profiles, reports, and the learning teaching approach in the classroom.

3: SSERC – Science & Technology project with ASG (LA cluster) schools.

Other focus areas will be support in the Playground, STEM & Vision Values & Aims which will have a parent workshop.

2 teachers were identified to train for 2 days for STEM which will be put into practice as of August 2019.

The Visions Values and Aims for Kings Park will continue to be worked on and it will be discussed how we launch this at a later date.

ACTIONS:

AOC to arrange meet up w. Jamie & Rona re COSD

- **get storage bins for uniform packs & put in school**
- **confirm order for stationery packs**

LR and Parent Council too look at junior road safety officers and discuss further ideas & solutions re car use around the school at drop off and pick up times.

AO to email the council re siting of the funfair in Kings Park a few times a year.

LR to send out Pigeon App regarding dogs in the playground, even dogs being carried.

LR to discuss with JD re playground pals.

ZO to continue with the School Handbook and also have further discussions re the website.