

Culloden Academy parent Council Meeting 14th January 2019

Agenda Item		Action
1. Welcome and Apologies	<p>Present: Kerry Challinor, Duncan MacDonald, Tracey Lomas, Evelyn Grey, Aimi Lawrie, Neil Hillyard, Councillor Trish Robertson, Councillor Carolyn Caddich, Peter Crossly, Alan Affleck, Ian Thomson, John MacKillop, Christine Taylor.</p> <p>Apologies: Lisa Thomson, Jane Gill and Ishbel Scott.</p> <p>Kerry advised the committee that Gillian Spalding has stepped down from the committee.</p>	<p>Kerry to send an email around the committee to see if anyone would like to take on the role of Secretary.</p>
2. Previous Minutes	<p>Minutes were accepted by Kerry Challinor and Neil Hillyard.</p>	
3. Ian Thomson from Sustrans	<p>Ian explained that he is part of a sustainable transport initiative that aims to get more people cycling. He is looking to set up a bike club for Culloden academy and the surrounding ASG feeder primaries. He does currently have a fleet of bikes however he does not have enough bikes to cover all children particularly the older children who require a bigger bike frame. He is looking for support to fund 10-15 new bikes to get the club started. This would be aimed at all year groups and support outdoor learning as well as promoting HWB. Aimi asked if it would be possible to donate second hand bikes to the club. This is something Ian can look into however, the same insurances are not in place when bikes are donated second hand and he</p>	<p>Duncan to follow up with Ian after further discussion with the committee.</p>

	<p>does not want to compromise the childrens safety. Bikes are looking at around £250-£300 pounds. The club would potentially both during and after school. The committee decided to discuss and consider this alongside the other fundraising targets for the year.</p> <p>Ian also volunteered to come back and do a bike safety assembly for the school as this is something the school continues to promote on a regular basis.</p>	
4. Head Teacher Report	<p>Tracy Lomas gave the committee an overview of what has been going on in the school since she has taken over from Dr Vance. This has been a smooth transition with staff adapting to their new roles.</p> <p>The school has been part of a visit to Fort George, has held a remembrance service to support the schools poppy pledge and held another successful Christmas Concert. The S1 parents evening was also great success.</p> <p>The reverse advent worked very well donating over 700 kilos of food before Christmas. Christmas dances were very popular and much more LGBT aware this year at the childrens request.</p> <p>Prelims are going well.</p> <p>Tracy Lomas will soon be meeting with the architect to discuss the new extension. She has visited Kingussie and IRA to see their extensions to get some ideas and learn from</p>	

	<p>any mistakes. The school can expect approximately 350-400 more pupils however this figure is expected to grow.</p> <p>Chrome books will hopefully start being distributed after the Easter break.</p>	
5. Treasurers Report	<p>There has been no activity on the account since the last meeting. The account are will Jane Gill for auditing. The balance currently stands at <u>£2449.64.</u></p>	<p>Lisa to collect accounts for Jane Gill.</p>
6. Chair Report	<p>Duncan advised there has not been much activity since the last meeting while the new committee and Tracy Lomas settle into their new roles.</p> <p>Looked at possible fundraising targets. Suggestions included charging stations for the new chrome books, a new canopy and benches for a proposed outdoor area, recycling bins, smaller lockers, notice boards and a storage area for the new cherry picker. Tracy Lomas will price these items and let Duncan and Kerry know.</p> <p>Neil suggested it would be a good idea to ask the children what they would like the fundraising target to be.</p> <p>Moved on to discuss fundraising ideas as not many opportunities available this year. Discussed the possibility of arranging a transition disco for the current P7 joining after the summer and the current S1. This would target all the feeder primary schools. Possibly offering this again near Halloween if successful. This was a welcomed idea.</p>	<p>Tracey Lomas to price possible fundraising targets and get childrens views on what they would like.</p> <p>Tracey will email feeder primary schools to Kerry and Duncan. Kerry to make contact with feeder primaries. Date to be agreed and sub-committee formed.</p>

	<p>Evelyn suggested that we could look into a discretionary budget for help with this.</p> <p>Discussed different ways of getting more parental involvement.</p> <p>Neil suggested advertising more of what we do as he felt many people did not know our role.</p> <p>We also discussed the option of trialling an earlier day and time for a meeting to show flexibility.</p>	Additional date to be agreed and distributed.
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Date of Next Meeting	22 nd May 2019 at 7pm.	Alternative date at earlier time to be agreed and distributed.