

CHIRNSIDE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 27 April 2017

PRESENT: Lesley Thomson (Minutes Secretary), Nick Trussler (Head Teacher), Joy Hope, Chloe Anderson and Catriona Craze

APOLOGIES: Lynda Clark, Julien Lake, Beata Kedra-Jones and Katrina Reynolds

Meeting opened by Nick Trussler

HEADTEACHERS REPORT

- . Staffing update:
 - Janitor – Mr Anderson now full-time Monday to Friday.
 - Vacancy – Mrs Gordon's position: associated changes for P2 / P6. Recruitment:
 - Advertisement now closed. Eleven applications.
 - Processing interviews – Wednesday 7th June and Thursday 8th June.
 - Candidates will teach an observed lesson and attend an interview with Mr Trussler and Ms Harvey.
 - Position will likely begin August 2017
 - Current Senior Nursery Nurse vacancy.
 - Advertisement now closed.
 - 10 applications
 - Interviews on Thursday 4th May with Mr Trussler and Mrs Reap.
 - Position to begin August 2017.

2. Class structure and staffing for 2017-18

Current data indicates 8 classes:

Class	No of pupils in each Class	Classroom Capacity		
		Room No.	Capacity	
P1	13	1	25	12
P1	13	2	25	12
P2	25	3	30	5
P3	26	4	30	4
P4	24	5	33	9
P5	25	6	33	8
P6	24	7	33	9
P7	25	8	33	8
TOTAL	175		242	67

3. Pupil Equity Fund – Plan for Chirnside Primary School 2017-18 –

What is excellence?

Through raising attainment we ensure that every child achieves the highest standards in literacy and numeracy, set out within Curriculum for Excellence levels, and the right range of skills, and achievements to allow them to succeed.

What is equity?

Equity is ensuring every child has the same opportunity to succeed, with a particular focus on closing the poverty-related attainment gap in literacy and numeracy.

Our Equity Plan

Scottish Borders	5645220	Chirnside Primary School	Primary	£ 37,200
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Through a range of data sources we have identified that there is no correlation between FME pupils and the lowest attaining 20% of pupils.

Therefore, we have identified our lowest attaining 20% (34 pupils) using the same data sources.

Our proposal is to recruit two part-time classroom assistants to work under the direction of our Support for Learning Teacher and Class Teachers. Classroom Assistants will deliver targeted support in Literacy and Numeracy to identified individuals and small groups, on a little and often basis (short sessions on a daily basis).

Classroom assistants, with guidance from SfLT, will gather evidence of pupil progress on a regular basis. CAs will plot progress with pupils using RUN diagrams (Raising Attainment For All approach) to measure impact of intervention on an on-going basis. This progress information will be used to evaluate impact of intervention and to make adjustments as necessary as part of the PDSA approach.

4. March open evening feedback
Discussion

5. P7 Leavers' Request

P7 parent requested Parent Council gauge P7 parent interest around a Leavers Hoodie.

P7 SCHOOL JUMPERS

Some Parents are concerned about the pale colour of P7 School Jumpers. It is not too late for P7 Parents to speak to Mr Trussler to change the colour.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

At present when P7's visit High School for 2 days they wear their Primary School uniform on day one and are expected to wear High School uniform on day two. This results in Parents having to purchase High School uniform 10 weeks before they are starting High School. Mr Trussler will raise this at next Head Teacher's Meeting as concerns about the uniforms not fitting 10 weeks later and the fact that they are still Primary Pupils while attending High School were raised.

P7'S LEAVING GIFT

When P7's are leaving Primary they are presented with a memory stick containing pictures from Kindrogan. This is a very time consuming job for P7 Teacher. It was suggested that

instead they P7's could purchase a Hoodie which the Parent Council would contribute towards to keep cost down (possibly one third of cost).

FUNDRAISING

It was decided that we would hold a Shorts and Shades Disco on **22 June 2017**.

A Sub Committee Meeting will be held on **1 June 2017** to organise this inviting anyone who can help to attend.

We will need all the help we can get to go ahead with this. If not enough helpers we cannot hold disco which will mean disappointed Children.