

CHIRNSIDE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015 7.30PM

AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Katrina Reynolds (Chairperson), Claire Duff, Michelle Simpson, Joy Hope, Lesley Thomson, Catriona Craze, Mr Trussler (Head Teacher), Ashley Young, Angie Donoghue (Minutes Secretary) Emma Jones (Correspondent Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Nadine Moore (Treasurer)

WELCOME: Made introductions and welcomed new members Lesley and Ashley.

HT REPORT: Started off by a tour of younger boys toilets, very old, damp and very cold. Looked at porter loos which the young girls are using. There is a secure fence around to allow safe access for girls, downside the fire exit door has to be kept open which makes corridor cold. Mr T to look into getting a temp handle put on outside to allow easier access.

Had a look at how far building work is on new younger toilets and kitchen store room. Coming along great although 4 weeks behind in schedule due to having to underpin present dining hall.

We looked at the very new snazzy older toilets, although still odd bits of work to be done VERY NICE.

We then discussed HT Report:- (See report)

Pupil Roll- Still plenty of space in each class. Still not enough on school roll for a Deputy Head.

Staffing Update- Canteen Supervisor this post was created with left over money from free school meal budgets. New posts are only 40mins per day so will probably suit local people better.

Swimming- Katrina will have a chat with Mrs Harvey to discuss all facts then will put a letter out.

Homework- Mr. Trussler will review new homework plans in November parents evening week.

Outdoor Learning- PC agreed with Mr. Trussler to invite company back to give a consultaion for developing outdoor play. See costs.

MONEY REQUEST: Mr. Trussler put in a request for money to cover bus trip costs from last year Total of £934. PC agreed. Angie to pass invoice to Nadine.

Mr.Trussler says he has a huge gap in non-fiction books in library, he is going to look into new books and costings and see if PC will help.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: Salad bar is now back offering kids a different selection of salad each day. Still concerns about portion sizes. Mr.Trussler to ask Bev to put out a few

examples of school lunches showing meals and portion size on parents evening in November.

SWIMMING LESSONS: We still have the donation Greenvale gave us for swimming lessons. PC decided due to let down with Eyemouth lessons last term we are going to just use Duns. Katrina to look at figures for swimming at Duns and will speak to Mrs. Harvey and arrange a timetable for P7 to get their blue card.

COMMUNICATIONS: Need to update post it point in school yard. Mr. Trussler has said he's happy for PC to have use of board. Katrina to speak to Mandy about whereabouts of key.

Katrina asked if PC could have a column in Chirnside Chat. Mr. Trussler said yes. It comes out 1st Monday of month, and just email info. Katrina wants to put info in about Easy Fundraising and SPTC.

TESCO FOOTBALL COACH: Tesco's are willing to fund coaches for an 8 week block of football training for P1-P3. Katrina to speak to Mark about re emailing Mr. Trussler the info so he can apply.

SPTC: The Borders Council have contacted Katrina about PC insurance. The SBC pay our insurance but we have the option of paying an extra one off payment of £10 which would insure incoming events. Eg stall holders at Christmas Fair, school disco equipment. PC agreed to pay.

PC FINANCIAL REPORT: In bank £4464.48

We raised Coffee Morning £215.31. Tombola/ Raffle/ Shorts and shades Disco £447.10. Sports Day £205.70.

FUNDRAISING:

HALLOWEEN DISCO- Thursday 29th October 2015. Usual format, timing and price. Angie to ask Stephen Ross if he can DJ. Angie to ask Gillian about providing a sale or return tuck shop.

Angie to ask Brian about lights.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE- Date decided Friday 20th November 2015. Angie to email stall holders. Costs £10 per stall plus donation for raffle. Angie to speak to Roy Garner about tables.

Dress down day to be Wednesday 11th November 2015. Wear Red and donate for Christmas hamper.

AOB:

SPORTS DAY- Having sports day all in one day was way better.

CYCLING- Bike Ability 1 which is cycling proficiency in yard for P5. Mr. Trussler and Mrs. Gregory to speak to Emma about doing this. Bike Ability 2 is cycling proficiency on road will be offered to P6 and the P7's who missed doing it last year.

FUTURE PC MEETINGS:

AGM meeting 1st October 2015 at Chirnside Primary School.

Thursday 12th November 2015

Thursday 28th January 2016

Thursday 24th March 2016

Thursday 2nd June 2016