

PARENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2015

CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL 7.30PM

PRESENT: Julien Lake, Katrina Reynolds (Chairperson), Joy Hope, Graham Hope, Mr. Trussler (Head Teacher), Catriona Craze, Emma Jones (Correspondence Secretary), Isle Harvey, Angie Donoghue (Minutes Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Claire Duff, Nadine Moore (Treasurer), Mark Kinghorn.

HEADTEACHERS REPORT See HT Update for full report

- **SCHOOL LUNCHES-** As discussed in previous meeting Mr. Trussler spoke to Beverley about portion sizes about P7 getting the same size as P1. She said basically a portion size is a portion size, but they do speak to the kids and give some kids more and some kids less depending on what they want, and they can always go back for seconds after everyone has been served. But new concern is that there is now no flexibility on your choice of menu, and the salad bar is gone. Previously a child could take sides from other options e.g. salad from one menu potato salad from the other. Now they can't, there has been a new nutritionist taken on in borders area, and he has come up with a menu plan, how it has to be made and portion size and whatever your child chooses that is there only option. This new system has been in now for a few weeks so Mr. Trussler is speaking to the children and seeing how they like the new menus.
- **PILOT OF BREAKFAST CLUB-** The school is piloting a breakfast club funded by school until the end of June. Mr. Trussler has been speaking to kids who have had no breakfast and no snacks so they aren't getting any food until lunch time, 'how are they expected to learn with no fuel in them' so hopefully will help with learning. So far quite successful, - Monday 9 pupils, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 27 pupils.
If these numbers keep up Mr. T will look into keeping it up in new term.
- **TUCK SHOP-** There are too many children with crisps, chocolate and other high sugar snacks. So P6 are piloting a healthy tuck shop on a Thursday, they will offer a choice of 2 healthy snacks for 30p each, cheaper than shops, no litter.
Then when they get to P7 they will look into running it as a business. They will look into ingredients, pricing, and popularity of products. Initially on a Thursday but if successful will expand to other days.
Katrina asked if there were any incentives for children to bring in a healthy snack??
Mr. T said not at present.
- **BETTER EATING BETTER LEARNING AUDIT-** This is a new Scottish Government directive. Read attached link.
- **CLASS STRUCTURES FOR 15-16-** Present school roll 196. Not enough for a Deputy Headteacher. Allowed in present roll P1-25, P2-P3 -30, P4-P7 - 33. All composite classes 25. SBC are keeping classes to the wire to go with their cost cutting exercises.

Nursery is now called ELCC. Next term enrolment is for 43. The nursery will run at 30:20 ratio same as this year.

P1 has an enrolment of 26, only allowed 25 so taking 2 oldest boys & 2 oldest girls and compositing them into P2, which takes them to capacity, so any new enrolments after the summer for P2 will be turned away.

Rest of classes will run straight with present numbers, but it can change.

Move up afternoon in 10th June 2015.

Final class info will come out to parents w/c 8th June 2015.

- **IMPROVEMENT UPDATE-**

Lit/Num working groups- Teachers are working on this to make learning equal throughout school.

EY Work- ELCC & P1 are working closer together to allow easy transition into school.

Behaviour/ homework- Implement in new term.

- **PRIORITIES FOR 15-16-** Donna Manson is new Director of CYPs. She will be hopefully visiting Chirnside School soon. Mr. T going to see if PC Member could be present.

- **BUILDINGS WORKS-** Didn't discuss.

- **ABSENCE-** Mr. T will be absent due to operation. Mrs. Harvey will be in charge until his return on 1/6/15

COMMUNICATIONS- One Facebook page is now up and running for School & PC. We need to keep putting posts on about events in school, like it and share it to try to keep it growing. Only downside is that school can't post from a school computer.

Post it Point- Mrs. Black has key but is happy for PC to use it. It needs brightened up, Emma going to ask Joe if she would like to tidy it up.

SWIMMING LESSONS- PC organised swimming lessons for P7 to get their blue card so they can go sailing at Whiteadder. They went to Eyemouth as it was the cheaper option. But Eyemouth's criteria is much more stringent than what is required for the blue card, so only 7 P7's got their card, so PC agreed to pay for them to go to Duns for a one off lesson as they need their blue card. 26 went- 21 passed. Duns charge £1.50 per child.

Mrs. Harvey received information from the Outdoor Education Department, saying that the water quality is so poor at Whiteadder that all water activities have been cancelled. Mrs. Harvey is trying to find other areas to go, but they are either overpriced or not approved. There is a possibility of kayaking on Tweed.

Kids will get their blue card at end of term.

Mr. T thanked PC for the financial help with blue card.

We will look into new P7 class swimming in new term as we have Greenvale contribution to go towards this. We will use Duns.

FUNDRAISING-

Coffee Morning Feedback- Raised £210. There wasn't a very good turnout. But Common Good had a coffee morning at Bowling Club too.

We had too many Raffle prizes with low turnout so decided to have a stall on Civic week Sunday. **We need volunteers!!**

Shorts and Shades Disco- We are planning a Shorts and Shades disco on Thursday 11th June 2015

All nursery (with parents)- P3 6.15-7.15. P4-P7 7.30-8.30. £2 per child £5 per family.

Angie asked Leeann if Steven could do disco. She said he will ask George if we can borrow equipment, hopefully will be okay. PC will run a tuck shop. Angie to order juice and crisps from Gillian. **We need volunteers!!**

AOB

Sports Day- 23rd June. All kids in one day P4-P7 Morning. Pre-school-P3 afternoon. So all Anti-Preschool Nursery will be in school in morning all Pre-school in afternoon.

PC to do Tea's and Coffee's. Emma to put out request for home baking donations. **We need volunteers!!**

Emma to do a list of dates for events and volunteers.

Anti-Bullying Week- Will have in new term to go with Behaviour review.

NEXT MEETING 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015 AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30PM

AGM 1ST OCTOBER 2015 AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30PM