

## **CHIRNSIDE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Katrina Reynolds (Chair) Catriona Craze (Vice Chair), Julien Lake (Treasurer), Lesley Thomson (Minutes Secretary), Michelle Simposon (Fundraiser), Nick Trussler (Headteacher), Claire Duff, Lorraine Pessara, Carol Reap, Emma Jones, Isla Harvey

**APOLOGIES:** Angie Dnoghue. Joy Hope

Katrina goes over minutes from last Meeting.

### **HEADTEACHERS REPORT**

Mr Trussler explained briefly about the Critical Reading which is currently being tried out in P5 by Mrs Reap. The books have more focus on non-fiction than fiction which should benefit the children when they go to high school. Mrs Reap informed that she has had good feedback from the P5 Children and is keen to progress with the Project X books. Mrs Reap put it to the Council that the School could continue using these books if we could fund the cost of the books. A starter pack would cost roughly £1200 for sets of 8 books. The plan is to continue with these books in P5 and maybe next year more funding could be used to supply the P6/P7's. The Parent Council agreed to fund the starter pack for P5.

Mr Trussler handed out information about Resilient School, Recognising Wider Achievement and GIRFEC and briefly went through contents. This will be handed out to parents shortly.

**TOILETS:** The new toilets are now completed. They are lovely and the Children are very happy with them. The old boys toilet is hoped to be used as a Resource Room but the floor badly needs replacing. Mr Trussler is looking into this,

**FOOTBALL COACHING:** Tesco informed Mr Trussler that they do not help coaching in Scotland! The other option for some coaching is through Borders Sports & Leisure.

**INTERNET SAFETY:** The turnout was not great but Parents who attended found it very good and informative. They were shown a short CEOP Video which can be viewed online.

**PARKING:** A letter will be sent out to all Parents from the Police warning that parking at front of School out with a parking space is being monitored and could result in a ticket.

**OUTDOOR PLAY:** Mr Trussler asked P7's what they thought they could do for a play area in School and is hopefully going to get feedback soon. He suggested that maybe a few of the P7's could come to next meeting with their ideas. Also Anna Craigen has visited School work with classes on some ideas for a Wildlife Area.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Parents are not very happy with current School photographer. It is hoped that we will have some Companies with samples and prices at the next Parents Evenings at the end of March. Parents can then decide who they think would be best.

## **FUNDRAISING**

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** Not many Parents seem aware of how easy it is to use and how much money can be raised to benefit the School and the Children. It was suggested that we could give out cards at Parents Evening to encourage Parents to sign up.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** This year's fair raised £1200.21 which is very good but it was noted that fewer kids attended Santa's Grotto. Suggestions were made to perhaps change fair to a Saturday morning so the younger children might attend.

Normally a Valentines Disco is held on a Thursday Night but Thursday's are not suitable anymore due to other commitments. It was suggested to have maybe a Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March with children wearing something green.

It was also discussed that we should perhaps donate some funding to the DJ for his equipment.

**EASTER COFFEE MORNING:** The new Community Centre opens the first weekend in February. We are hoping to hold a coffee morning at the end of April.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** At present we have £4887.70 in bank. The interest received on this was £20. Julien suggested that we put some of the money into a higher interest account. The Committee all agreed to this.

## **AOB**

Mrs Miller asked for £169.80 for netball kits for the School which was agreed by the Committee.

A request was made from St Abb's Lifeboat to do a joint fundraiser with the School which entailed kids filling smarties tubes with 20p pieces. The Committee agreed that although it was a good charity the Children normally choose the Charity themselves.

**NEXT MEETING:** 24 March 2016 at 7.30pm