

Meethill Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 18.15

Present

Mr Black, Mrs Noble, Lynn, Hayley, Sarah, Lesley-Anne, Bridie and Lynne B

Apologies

Fiona, Diane, Lorna, Laura and Julie

Hayley opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr Black spoke briefly about the constitution. There was a question of how many parents would be on the parent's council. It had been suggested that there would be no limit but it was agreed that without a limit of numbers, the committee could be too large to function effectively.

Mr Black then went onto speak about the consultations regarding the shortening of the school day.

So far 89 votes have been cast online and Mr Black will update all the parents and pupils once the consultation is closed.

Mr Black spoke about ideas on what to do when the weather is very bad in the morning and it has been decided that the school bell will ring 3 minutes early so that the pupils are lined up promptly and can go straight in at 9am when the bell rings.

Mr Black then spoke about the importance of the pupils wearing sun cream and sunhats. Hayley is going to get prices for sunhats for the pupils possibly with the school logo.

Mr Black ran through the staffing model for the next academic year. This will consist of 9 classes as follows

2 x Primary 1 classes

2 x Primary 2 classes

1 x Primary 3 class

1 x Primary 4 class

1 x Primary 4/5 class

1 x Primary 6 class

1 x Primary 7 class

The pupils will meet their new class teachers in the very near future and everyone is looking forward to welcoming the new members of staff.

Lynne Brown asked about a Primary 7 residential trip for next year. Fiona is going to price up a few different options to be discussed with Mr Black and Mrs Noble ASAP. Mr Black pointed out that

doing a residential trip within any school is quite tough as teaching staff have to attend, leaving teaching gaps in the school during the trip. It will be looked into and a decision will be made asap so that parents can begin paying for any activities that are decided on. A letter will be sent home to the new Primary 7 parents to find out if the preference is for a residential trip or a week of out of school day activities.

Mrs Noble spoke about the schools need for more ipads. Mrs Noble again spoke about the advantages of the teaching staff having ipads to support teaching and learning in classes. It was agreed that the Parents council would contribute £2500 to the cost of purchasing ipads, covers, charging stations and 2 apple TV's which will benefit the pupils greatly.

Mrs Pert is looking into purchasing t-shirts for the school choir. We have asked Mrs Pert to find out a cost for these and it will be looked at again at the next meeting.

Mrs Noble has asked the pupil council to design a logo for the parent's council and we look forward to seeing their ideas.

Hayley spoke about the coffee afternoon for the new primary 1 parents. Maggie has been asked to provide some home bakes at a cost of £40. Lynn, Lesley-Anne and Fiona will be on hand to serve tea and coffee.

It was discussed and agreed that each class would receive £20 to have an end of session treat. This will be provided for the 8 school classes and the nursery sessions.

It has been agreed that the parent council will provide a hamper to be raffled off on the last day of term. Every pupil in school will be issued a ticket free.

Fiona has asked if the pupils can have a dress down day on the last day of term which Mr Black agreed to. Fiona also asked if the Parent council could purchase a memory card so that she can save all the secretary paper work from the last year to pass onto the next secretary. Lesley – Anne has a memory stick which she doesn't need so will pass this onto Fiona.

The date of the next meeting and agm will be decided once the school restarts after the summer break and will be posted on the parent council facebook page, the school website and in the parent council notice board.

We would like to take this opportunity to thanks all the parents, carers and family members who have helped the parent council and the school. We hope everyone has a fab sun filled summer break.