

## Meethill School Council Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Meethill School 6.30pm

### 1. Welcome

Mr Black welcomed parents to the meeting

### 2. Present:

C. Keddie, L. Donnelly, B. Whyte, F. Moir, L-A. Dow, M. Geddes, G. Ledingham, S. Mathieson, H. Cairns, L. Cruickshank, M. Morgan, J. Black

### 3. Apologies

Fiona Slocombe and Lynne Brown

### 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

First meeting of group so no minute available.

### 5. Matters Arising

None

It was agreed that Lynn MacKay and Jennifer Gay should be permitted to join the Council given the circumstances around the late submission of their nomination forms and the timing of this information coming to light.

### 5. Election of Office Bearers

Chair – Gisele Ledingham

Vice Chair – Sarah Mathieson

Treasurer – Margaret Morgan

Assistant Treasurer – Lorna Cruickshank

Clerk – Bridie Whyte

It was agreed that no one be co-opted to the Council.

It was agreed that an open invitation to attend be extended to appropriate Councillors.

### 6. Head Teacher's Report:

- a. Mr Black reported that the recent visit by Maxine Booth (Quality Improvement Officer) had been very positive. Mrs Booth was pleased with the quality of teaching she had observed and was complimentary about the overall conduct of the pupils throughout the school.
- b. Mr Black reported that the reconfiguration of the school day was proving very successful. All pupils are having sufficient time to play and have lunch and the incidences of pupil disagreement during the lunch break are greatly reduced.
- c. Mr Black indicated that the Nursery is also engaging in a consultation around the possible reconfiguration of the nursery schedule.
- d. Mr Black reported that Aberdeenshire Council are seeking to gather views on the effectiveness of parental engagement and involvement via 'the Big Conversation'. It was agreed that all parents be notified of and invited to participate in the electronic survey.

It was agreed that a version of the 'paper survey' would be modified and circulated within our own parent group later in the session to reflect on the local changes to parental engagement and involvement.

Parent Council office bearers will also meet with Pupil Council representatives to coordinate the collection of pupil views.

School logo- Pupils have been involved in designing new House logos and these images have been digitised.

Pupils and Council will be invited to contribute to a revision and definition of the school's aims.

- e. School staff will be encouraging greater parental involvement throughout the academic year i.e. open afternoons, class newsletters and invitations to assembly. Various apps are also being considered to support sharing information with parents /carers.
- f. Pupils in P3 and P5 will continue to undertake Incas standardised assessments this session. Pupils in P1, 4 and 7 will take part in the new standardised assessments. The timetable for rolling these out in Aberdeenshire is yet to be agreed. Individual pupil 'scores' will not be reported but the test are designed to support teachers' professional judgements of pupil attainment.
- g. Pupil Equity Fund Progress Report- Mr Black reported how the spending plan for this session was progressing. Although the School Council were not involved in the spending plan for this session, it is hoped that there will be greater dialogue during years 2 and 3 of the initiative.
- h. Mr Black up-dated the group on the Authority response to the current state of the playground. It was noted that resurfacing is being costed and clarity is being sought around the 'right of way'. Appropriate signage is also being considered.

## **7. Future agenda items:**

- a. Playground update
- b. School aims / vision
- c. Pupil Equity Fund update
- d. Reporting to Parents / Carers

It was agreed that only scheduled agenda items should be discussed at each meeting to allow for appropriate preparation and responses.

## **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 3.15pm Meethill School