

## Gowriehill Parent Council Meeting – 08/09/14

### Minutes

Apologies were noted for Gillian McCabe and Simon Campbell.

Heather opened the meeting and welcomed our new members. We did round the table introductions.

Heather had received Thank you cards from Barbara Smith, Heather Robertson and Jenny McCombie which she read out at the meeting.

#### 1. Feedback from Chairpersons meeting with Taletta Jamieson

- Heather attended a meeting with Taletta around the new HT and how this is going to work. It was taken on board that due the last minute decision around this, there was no prior meeting with Barbara and some concerns were raised by some parents. These concerns have all been addressed personally with those involved.  
There was a suggestion from Taletta that we continue with just our PC for this session and look at a joint PC from next session. Hopefully by then we will have a new school name as well.  
Taletta has offered to come along to our meeting and chat through any concerns. She is also happy to liase with other PC's who have merged around how it went and learnings from this. Taletta did advise we would need to dissolve our PC and draw up a new constitution for the joint PC when it's time for that.
- Jackie has also had meetings with Taletta around how to bring the pupils and teachers from both schools together. There are ideas around competitions for school colours, school name and badge, house names, colours and badges. There was talk of this being done within 1 year as opposed to taking the 3 years we have, with a view of pupils at both schools wearing the same uniform for the last year of separate schools.
- Heather has a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept with Taletta and the chair of the Hillside PS -

#### 2. What are our aims for this session:

- Heather and the rest of the existing PC warmly welcomed the new members and were pleased to see new faces.
- There was a round table discussion on how to promote the PC more. Ideas suggested were  
*-Leaflet to encourage new members* – Heather brought along a leaflet and it was discovered that this wasn't included in the P1 welcome packs.  
*-AP* - Stephen McCluskey has offered to have a look at this and see if he can 'revamp' it so its eye catching and will encourage new members.  
*-Parent Council wall* – Heather suggested that we have a PC Wall/Board in the foyer where we can put up notices, minutes and dates of meetings so parents can see this. We would also advertise for volunteers for help out on any fundraising or PC event nights.  
*-AP* – Caragh to make a notice for the board that is at the gate that will promote the PC.

#### 3. Information about Focus groups and informal meeting

- Jackie opened discussion about how to bring the 2 PC's together, as well as the rest of the school starting with focus groups and informal meetings in Feb 2015. For the pupils these would be split into Nursery – P2 and then P3-P5 (excluding P6 and P7 as they won't be

attending the new school). This gives us good numbers and will give us good feedback once the starter meetings are held.

- Through the set up of a local implementation group, such things as the school colours, badge, a time capsule, art work can be done – and this would involve the pupils to help bring them together as 1 school.
- There is work being done on bringing the parents together – the 2 upcoming workshops are open to both sets of parents to attend both and each school is hosting one of the events.
- There will also be a question box at the meetings and in the foyer so as this process moves forward, people have an avenue for any questions they want to ask.

#### 4. Hallowe'en Disco

- There was a discussion around whether to hold a Hallowe'en disco this year and the PC voted yes. The date would be Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct from 18.30-20.00 with tickets costing £2. The deadline for getting tickets would be 6<sup>th</sup> Oct so we knew numbers and could organise parent helpers and food and juice. Claire offered to organise the games for the event

-AP – Claire to see if she can get a disco for the night.

#### 5. Christmas

- Based on the success of last year's Christmas event, it was decided to hold a similar event this year. Date would be the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec from 18.30-20.00. Ideas for the night are
  - Band
  - Carol Service
  - Some small stalls
  - Refreshments (shortbread and warm juice)

#### 6. Date of next meeting

- Date agreed as 17/11/2014

#### 7. AOB

- Heather mentioned there was a practical workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept at Ardler PS from 18.30. This is about getting the best from your PC. Heather is going to attend on behalf of our PC.