



Minutes.

Attendees:- Sharon Cetrangolo (New Staff Member), Sami Hand, David Martin, Hugh Duffy, Graeme Robertson, Morag Riley.

Apologies:- Arthur McIvor, Eilidh Steele.

1 Action points.

- White Boards. 13 are needed, not enough money for them in one go, so they'll be ordered on a rolling program and prioritised.
- Other work, sliding glass doors in theatre, chiller cabinets moved, no pavement in car park, open the gate on Fettes College side.
- Writing session, learning center cluster raising attainment in writing, Taking a stand at learning session across Edinburgh, 28/29 May Sat for parents.
- School lets, 2% of target - need Festival events & marketing during holidays for lets. Possibly advertise the school as a venue for meetings for companies like Standard Life or RBS.
- Anti bullying policy - on hold and to be revise over the summer.

2 Reports / updates.

- 2.1 CCWP - Possible meeting next week, it's been reconstituted a bit, Graeme is also now on a new budget review group at the council.
- 2.2 CfE In service days. 3 in august, 2 this term. Further details in the minutes.
- 2.3 Liaison with cluster primaries. At the moment, the most we can do is encourage school lets and get the parents and pupils into the High School as much as possible. E.g. P7 window boxes and other activities that open the school to primary children.
- 2.4 YMI Cafe.
This is now finished for this academic year. It has been a real success story, and all the volunteers are to be heartily thanked. Hopefully the funding for next year will be confirmed, and we can run this again when the new session starts next year.
- 2.5 School Uniform supplier. This is to be dropped from the agenda. There are some reports of uniforms not being delivered.

3 Budgets.

- 3.1 Reduction in PC expenses - clerk role cut. Iain resigned, then was re-instated after the BA agreed to make up the difference.
- 3.2 Charity status. The accounts need to be audited to a certain standard, and we don't have the previous years accounts to be able to submit a suitable return. It might be better if we let the charity status lapse, as it is possibly more effort and cost to maintain it for the parent council.
- 3.3 2010/11 subject choices.
There is to be no advanced higher computing. Subjects for advanced higher depend on the numbers. They won't say no to anything except computing. Some subjects can be taught in collusion with Telford College, or Trinity High School. On the whole it's ok, and all classes are full.
- 3.4 2011 budget cycle. LJ & GR involved in groups at the council - there is no money, so there will be more cuts to come.

4 Parental Involvement.

- 4.1 Friday Event 21 May 2-4pm. about raising attainment has had a very poor response. And will probably be cancelled. This was arranged following a recent survey where a personal letter was sent to 10% of the parents.
- 4.2 Comms group.
 - Put something in the welcome packs.

- I have received pack, I want emails from parent council, my email is...
- PC website to be updated and more up to date. Contact Tom to update.
- School Website. LJ has received an offer to update the school website, but Arcas.co.uk using Joomla software.

4.3 Head Teacher Report.

- CfE - Curriculum - council website learning teaching scotland - Tina Woolnough has a paper where it is explained. The meeting felt that the leaflet covers information already distributed, and decided not to send copies out via the students.
- More CfE work - S2 setting up course work, and joint subjects across departments, e.g. HE & PE, interdisciplinary subjects. Perhaps a shorter note explaining how CfE is progressing at BHS specifically would be of more interest to parents.
- Staff - there were 17 staff members off during the recent volcanic ash crisis. Staff are to be paid for the enforced time off. Morag reported that she managed to use GLOW to communicate with her pupils, even though she was stranded in Norway.