

Minutes of Meeting
Kingswells Parent Council Meeting
Kingswells School

Date & Time: Monday 12th November 2018, 6.30pm

1. **Present:** Moira McIver, Aileen McNair, Sarah Christie (Chair), Gillian Graham (Secretary), Ashleigh Cameron, Alison Tennant, Lindsay Watson, Lesley Grant, Catherine Mason, Hedi Aylmer

Apologies: Anne Goss (Treasurer), Jillian Fordyce, Jen Smith, Emmanuel Okaye Obiodada

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
Approved by Gillian Graham and seconded by Ashleigh Cameron

3. **Parent Council Business**

Parent Council Health Check – As part of a current initiative by ACC in supporting Parent Council's a Health Check List was sent to all Committees for review. After discussion of the contents of this list the committee were happy to report that we meet all the recommended criteria and are running a successful and supportive Parent Council for Kingswells School.

Review of Constitution A lengthy discussion of the Constitution was the main focus for this meeting. A number of suggested amendments were discussed and noted. Sarah will present the amended version ready for committee approval at the meeting in January. Once the committee has agreed on the proposed changes the revised Constitution will be proposed to the wider Parent Forum for approval.

Careers Fair - The Parent Council will be responsible for organising a Careers event for the P6 and 7 pupils. There will be a number of different people invited in to speak about their professions with small groups of pupils. A provisional date for this event has been identified – Friday 26th April. Sarah to collate top 5 job choices from all P6 and 7 pupils and start to identify speakers to be invited.

Building Parental Capacity to Support Learning at Home - Members were asked to give the school information about what parents need from school in order to support their child with learning at home. Parents seek support to know what the learning looks like so they can provide further examples at home. Pupils in P3-7 take photos of their work which is sent home via class dojo. Class Dojo is considered a big success within Kingswells School.

4. **Update from School**

Staff development

The focus of our initial development through staff meetings has been on leadership of change. Staff have formed working parties to lead parts of our SQUIP. We have reviewed

our vision. All staff have looked at good practice in leadership of change from schools across Scotland. This term our attention will turn to looking at the curriculum and co-operative learning.

November Inset Day

At our Inset Day work will begin on leading school improvements through the working parties. We will review all the information we have gathered on our vision. We will share our lockdown policy with staff. Maths intervention through the SEAL programme will also be shared.

Christmas

Christmas shows will be given by Primary 2, 4 and 6 this year with other year groups sharing Christmas social activities with parents.

The P1-3 will see a pantomime of Cinderella in school and P4-P7 will go to the Arts Centre to see Jack and the Beanstalk

Once again our PTA will hold Elf Shelf where pupils can come and by a wrapped gift for their family and pets.

All pupils will enjoy a Christmas party and Mr MacIndoe's disco has been a popular choice once again.

On 11th December we will welcome members of our elderly community along for coffee and the chance to see the P6 production.

Community digital drop in

Our Tech team are enthusiastic about sharing their technology skills with members of the community. An increase in promotion of this monthly event brought one person along to last week's session

Read, write, count

The Scottish Book Trust have donated pupil packs for P2 and P3 pupils which contain some beautiful books as well as resources to promote literacy and numeracy activities. In the coming weeks we are organising parent and pupil session with ideas as to how these can be used to promote learning in the home.

Robotics

We are embarking on a new initiative which allows us to be granted the use of a robot. The pupils will take part in a competition which will test their coding skills to manoeuvre the robot through a pre-set course.

Care Inspectorate visit to nursery

Last week we received notification that our nursery can expect a visit from Care Inspectorate shortly.

5. Finance Update

Current Finance Balance is £1,990.78 Jass Folders have still to be paid for and we still have money to receive from ACC. Agreed to pay for a banner - £48.00 (Lesley Grant)

6. PTA Update

Xmas Fair on Saturday 24th November 2-5pm

PTA working on a strategy to hand over Office Bearers

7. **Councillor's Report**

Councillor Delaney sent his apologies but as always continues to offer his support in any way he can if needed. For this we are grateful.

8. **AOB**

All P7 now have jobs within the School after their Interviews and all are doing very well.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 14th January 2019