

# Struthers Primary School

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting 9th May 2017 at 7pm

**Present:** Kirsten Gallacher (Chairperson), Craig Dalziel (Clerk), Lisa Conetta (Vice-Chairperson), Jane Houston (HT), Eilidh McBean (DHT), Angela Boyd, Claire Kirk, Lucy Lockie (Staff), Kerrie Wyllie (Staff) Melissa McKay (Staff), Cllr Craig Mackay

**Apologies:** Lucy Mullan, Lynne Miller, Catherine Barclay, Corrie Duncan, Susan Kirk

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Lisa welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

### 3. School Updates

Jane opened her report by advising that 2 new teaching staff have been appointed on a permanent basis and Mrs Love will be on Maternity leave next session. The school roll will be approx. 255 and the class structure for next session will be as follows: Two P1 classes, P2, P2/3, P3, P4, P4/5, P5, P6 and P7. Nursery applications have been extremely high and it is likely that both the morning and afternoon classes will be full, currently there is 1 space remaining in the afternoon.

Other activities going forward include reviewing KEM assessments to assess pupils progress and compare these to other schools in the authority; further tracking meetings will be taking place, reading activities in the upper school, P7 transition events at Marr and Jane and Eilidh will be reviewing pupil surveys which have just been returned. A staff meeting had recently taken place for the parental engagement exercise in September which will be linked to welcome evenings and staff and pupils will be surveyed and Jane is looking for the Parent Council to play an active part in this initiative going forward.

### 4. Fundraising Annual General Meeting

Claire advised that she would be resigning from the Fundraising group tonight and Andrea would be stepping down by the end of June. She advised once again it had been a busy year with various activities to raise school funds.

Going forward into next session the group are looking at reducing the cost of the Breakfast Club and this will be discussed further. Corrie Duncan who sent her apologies had advised before the meeting she would be happy to take on the role of Chair and Lucy Mullan had offered to take a position if the group were short of volunteers. Claire will ask Lucy if she can take on the role of Treasurer as this post needs to be filled. A discussion will need to take place about the best way forward to encourage more volunteers to assist in the fundraising section of the Parent Council and a suggestion was made to go back to having separate fundraising meetings as

was the case previously. Jane closed this discussion by thanking Claire and Andrea for their years of service.

#### **5. AOB**

The P7 cluster disco is provisionally 15<sup>th</sup> June and parent helpers will be required (approx 3) Jane advised in addition herself and Claire Smith (P7 teacher) would be attending.

Cllr Mackay said a few words advising he had just been newly elected to the council representing Troon at the election earlier this month and he looked forward to working with the Parent Council on a range of issues. Claire asked Cllr Mackay if he could look into the situation with the proposed new path being constructed from Earls Green to Deveron Road and he advised he would be happy to do so and provide some further information.

**6. Date of Next Meeting- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**