

Struthers Primary School



Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting 28th March 2019 at 2.15pm

Present: Craig Dalziel (Clerk/Acting Chair), Gail McKellar (HT), Lynne Miller, Catherine Barclay, Gail Whyte, Gillian Garven, Helen Hogg, Paul Murray and Mari Clingan
Apologies: Lucy Mullan (Vice-Chairperson) Darren Haniford (APT), Eilidh McBean (DHT), Lucy Lockie (APT)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Craig welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Points to follow up from last month:

- Chairperson job list – Kirsten to discuss further with Gail
- Craig and Gail to discuss letter to Taylor Wimpey regarding Path from new housing development to school.
- No further updates on school toilet refurbishment.
- Pupil council to write letter to fundraising group asking for new sports equipment.

3. School Updates

Mrs McKellar opened her Head Teacher's report by discussing the Pupil Equity Funding (PEF). This is down by around 3K this year and is worked out by the deprivation postcode and the number of children receiving free school meals. Last year the school used the money to appoint Darren and Lucy L as Acting Principal Teachers, work on early intervention and raising attainment. Mrs Martin did literacy and numeracy work with pupils and Mrs Edgar did early intervention work with P1 and as a result of this and other measures pupils have made very good progress in raising attainment.

Going forward due to the reduction in funding there will only be one Acting Principal Teacher. Other than this Gail is intending to keep the rest of the measures in place for another year and she is hoping to secure some more classroom assistant hours. In addition Gail is hoping to create a nurture room to allow for pupils to do further work with Mrs Edgar, this is likely to be in the current music room.

The school received an inspection on literacy and numeracy a couple of weeks ago. The visit was only for 1 day and schools receive 2 weeks' notice. The inspectors spoke to the classroom assistants about the work the school has been doing in numeracy intervention and spoke to pupils in P4-7 as part of focus groups. The inspectors provided some very positive feedback and one recommendation that was provided was for the school to try and push on the more confident pupils.

Gail closed her Head Teachers report by discussing the new tracking procedures. The Troon cluster opted out of this last year but was now following suit with the Ayr

cluster. Teachers now enter tracking information 3 times a year online and parents receive a report 3 times a year. There is 1 detailed report at the end of the year as well as the tracking updates. As a result of the change in procedures an additional parents night would be implemented across the authority to coincide with the publication of the tracking reports. Gail will discuss this further at upcoming meetings ahead of the new term.

4. Fundraising Update

Bag packing coming up at Morrison's on 27th April and group looking for helpers.

5. AOB

PC Harrower and 2 colleagues are coming to the school tomorrow (29th March) to assist with the traffic for the buses going to the church.

6. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 15th May at 2pm.

