

MINUTES

DPS Parent Council

25/08/14 18:10-20:00 | Meeting called to order by Jerome Boue

In Attendance

Jerome Boue, Beth Bradley, Karen Criggie, Jim Hayley, Lucy MacIntyre, Annemarie Connolly, Julie McGrinder, Lienne Brown and Alexandria Oliver

Apologies

Laura Dargie-Campbell

New Members

Waiei Emgieg, Kate Verrall, Amy Cheskin, Ulrika Matthews and Emily Cutts. All current and new PC members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Head Teacher's Report

Annemarie gave a quick overview of the aims of parent council and outlined some of the projects either fully or partially funded by the parent council to the new members.

There are three new permanent members of staff at Dunard– Miss Cree, Mr Cheyne and Mrs McCafferty . Annemarie gave a 4R refurbishment update. The next phase of the 4R plan will not commence this term. Annemarie is awaiting a reply from the directorate of education regarding the schools management staff levels. The school roll is currently 274, however this can change daily. The staff are implementing the school improvement plan, prioritising the focus on positive behaviour and pupil voice. All staff are promoting independent problem solving. The school has a three year interdisciplinary approach plan. The school is piloting a “bounce back” approach to promote resilience and problem solving. All staff have received restorative practice training. Annemarie asked all PC members for ideas on how to distribute information to parents, general discussion took place. Annemarie will check the protocol on the school having a Facebook page, **Annemarie to action**. Annemarie highlighted the pupil groups that will be available this year. Alexandra suggested an anti-bullying group, Annemarie stated this was covered within the Health Group. The school will run a variety of pupil groups this academic year.

Chair's Report – Jerome Boue

Jerome raised issues and concerns on behalf of the Parent Forum. This included concerns over the structuring of composite classes. Annemarie explained the criteria for composite classes, it was suggested by PC members that a friendly and concise leaflet could be designed and distributed to all parents. **Annemarie to action.** The limited afterschool places available in the area was raised. A short discussion of options took place. Annemarie highlighted that it is a public sector service and parents can approach the care inspectorate with concerns. **All members concerned to action.** Confusion of where infants should line up was discussed. Sign posted cones will be displayed until permanent signage becomes available. **Annemarie to action.** The need for clear instructions for homework was discussed and requested. Possible options were discussed. Annemarie explained class teachers practice their own method for this. Annemarie will design and distribute a questionnaire regarding clear homework instructions, before approaching class teachers with the parent forum concerns raised. **Annemarie to action.**

Treasurer's Report – Beth Bradley

Beth handed out hard copies of her report. Parent Council have received the annual payment of £400 from Glasgow City Council. Balance: £2112.17

Fast Fundraiser Report – Karen Criggie

No Report

AOBC

All office bearer posts have yet to be filled.

Annemarie stipulated that although the school did pilot Class Dojo, this is not school policy. Concerns have been raised by PC members about Class Dojo, Annmarie will research this. **Annemarie to action.** Alexandra will forward on a published report regarding Class Dojo to Annemarie. **Alexandra to action.**

Next Meeting

To be arranged via email. **Jerome to action.**

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.