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St. Ronan's Parent Council
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Parent Council Meeting
Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm - School

Present: Viv Leckie (Chair), Helen McNeill, Aileen Borthwick (Teacher representative). Keith Belleville (Headteacher) Katharine Cotter, James Paterson, Liz Kerr, Fiona Sked

Apologies: Caroline Black, Gen Harrison, Jane Gordon, Rachel Macdonald

1. Welcome and apologies **ACTION**

Welcome to new member James Paterson.

2. Headteacher update

Burns lunch went very well.

Pupil voice day, week past Thursday. Mixed children up into house teams. A lot of acitivities to do. Difficult to pitch so appropriate for all year groups but on the whole went well.
Children discussed:
Literacy
Numeracy – Need to work out how to promote numeracy in school. Ask question of children what they thought it was good to know and what was difficult. Made snakes and ladders boards to illustrate opinions.
Health and well being – Looked at raising profile in practical way. What could school do to help children feel safe etc.
Charities – what kind of charities would they like supported.
Resources – Ideas included: Improving outdoor space, playground and woods and indoor resources including pe facilities. Quite a lot out of that session as it's what the children feel most connected to. Output will inform spending for bank of Scotland grant
Homework – questions asked to get feedback on how children do their homework.

ACTION – 3 year action plan from outputs. Involved Susan Robb – pupil participation officer. Elsewhere this strategy has failed because staff not taken ownership. Here it will work because staff already taken responsibility. **St Ronan's staff**

Action plan will be shared with parents. Ultimately needs to be realistic.

Chess tournament – Wednesday club has been very successful. Borders chess tournament went well.

Respectful relationships policy – (that governs anything that is a learning

setting) Staff now received 2nd part of training. Two more things to do. Respectful relationship agreement, plus e module.

Budget – not got budget yet. Expected this month. DSM not expected any big changes. £1.7m saving not agreed yet. Headteachers still looking at broad themes.

Enrolment – nursery/P1 almost capacity. 77/78 nursery for next year 40 + 2 P1. P1 – 7 roll up by 7. Back to 11 classes, 1 less teacher.

Handbook – available for new p1s

Bikeability – active schools team no longer running this programme due to workload and capacity. Therefore looking for parent/staff volunteers to attend training courses bikeabililty cycle trainer and assistant.

All agreed that bikeability was extremely important and we would do what we could to ensure it continued at St Ronan's. PTA could potentially fund this

Email Parent councils to find out what other schools doing – VL **VL/KC**
Email Andy Weir at Ridelines - KC

IT refresh – happening on 5th May. 2 staff reps and looking for parent member. HMc to be parent rep to meet with Project Manager at SBC to discuss options and ST Ronan's requirements.

3. PTA

Film night - £60 selling popcorn. Paid for the popcorn.
Very well received. Next film night on 28th March.

Family ceilidh – very successful. Lot of last minutes takers. 90 in the end. £225 made. More importantly people enjoyed it. A lot of good feedback. Kids all enjoyed it.

Coffee morning – really nice day. £550 made. A lot of community there.

Next event spring fair – 8th May.

Netball/football strips – School to choose trips and PTA to fund for school teams.

4. Assymetry

All responses are now in from Tweedale 1000 online responses
Main issues:

- childcare and length of school day
- IT and remote learning

27th March – Recommendation will be made at open meeting in council chambers.
Before Easter will find out St Ronan's hours. The timetable will be affected by transport restrictions.

5. Internet safety presentation

Shona Furness has been on long term sick leave. **KC**

KC to contact Police Scotland.

6. Parent council chair feedback

1 + 2 – Improving modern language provision. BY 2020 introduce a 2nd language in P1 and by P5 a 3rd language. Aim to introduce languages into everyday usage.

Not been discussed in school yet. Waiting for decisions from tweeddale learning community.

Capital budget priorities - Kelso high, Gala schools. Spectrum not been mentioned.

SPTC conference – Lisa attending but no Borders parents enrolled in the course.

7. Swimming

KB

Issues with swimming programme and the way that children have been assessed. Need to evaluate from kids perspective as issues with organisation.
KB to speak to Peebles Swimming pool.

Dates of next meetings
16 June 2014 – Parent Council AGM