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| Present | Hilary Gorrie, Gillian Meek, Sue Widdicombe, Laura Thomson, Roger Walpole, Jim Campbell, Emma Clater, Ann Wheeler, Polly Markham, Mark Downie. |
| Apologies | Ellie Bird, Sam Murrell, Ana Morais |
| Date | Tuesday 19 March 2019 |
| Chair | Sue |
| Minutes | Gillian |

1) Previous minutes / actions

These were accepted with a few changes – now reissued.

2) Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

PEF is given to schools by the Scottish Government with the aim of closing the poverty related attainment gap. We discussed how the school has spent the money allocated for 2018 – 2019. In summary, this is:

- ! Increase in Additional Support for Learning staff
- ! Family Support Worker from the Citadel (New contact – Kirsten Law)
- ! Additional outdoor learning opportunities for children in SIMD 1-3 or living in poverty
- ! Cluster Vulnerable Pupils' Transition Group.

The senior team are happy with the progress made 2018 – 2019 and plan to continue with this approach for 2019-2020 with the (slightly reduced) pot of money. There's more detail on this in the attached report.

We noted that it's hard to evidence the benefits of outdoor learning. Ann offered to speak to a contact she has in forest schools to see if they can help with this. **Action – Ann.**

We also discussed whether the school catchment area was due to change again – Jim offered to check this out. **Action – Jim** (post meeting note – this has been done and it is not changing).

3) Councillors' update – plans for Trinity Academy

Jim explained that community feedback shows a desire for a community hub/campus. A school for approx. 1200 pupils is being considered, the current roll is 830. This work is a feasibility stage with a number of options being considered – from additional sports facilities at Bangholm to a whole new school. The budget for phase 1 is £10m. Delivery of the work will be phased but the whole design will be clear before any work starts.

Post meeting note – there's a meeting planned for Friday 3 May with Crawford McGhie and the PCs from all of the cluster schools to discuss plans. Gillian has extended invitation to all Victoria PC members and interested parties.

4) School update

- ! P1 numbers enrolled for next year has gone up to 34. Plan is that P4 and P7 will have large classes with 2 teachers each.
- ! Asda have donated £500 for the school playground which will be used to buy benches.
- ! P5 – we have been wrapping up the junior tour guide exercise. There is a bit of this money left over which will be spent on an information board.
- ! P2 have been developing an outdoor library.

- ! Joe Wicks came to school after Miss Cousins applied for a competition.
- ! P6 are working on a pop-up restaurant with Tom Kitchin (who is also coming in)!
- ! P6s have had a video shown on Newsround of the 'triangle dance'.
- ! P7 have been working on tissue engineering – they've had the use of a 3d printer.
- ! The inflatable cell woman is also coming to school!
- ! P7s are off to camp at Lagganlea next weekend and have raised £1k towards the cost.

5) New school building

Laura, Hilary and 10 pupils from the new school group visited two new schools today – St John's in Portobello and St Margaret's in South Queensferry.

Pupils liked the idea of a sensory room. They have been brainstorming over the features that they'd like to see in our new building.

Colour scheme for the interior is likely to be blue/green/grey. Flooring and desk design is being discussed.

Some items have been packaged up and are out to tender just now.

The planned new road between the park and school will not be created, leaving more room for the school. Forth Ports will provide a play park and will create a space for the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which the council will have to fund. Laura to pass Sue Ian Thame's details as he deals with MUGA requirements for EC. **Action – Laura.**

Plan is to break ground this May.

6) AOB

Sue will be leaving the parent council at the end of this term as Luke leaves to go on to high school. Anyone interested in the chair's position, please speak to her.

Our meeting in May will focus on the school improvement plan. We will cover parental engagement in June instead.

After the Easter holidays, Fischy music will come into school to work with P4-P7 on a song writing exercise relating to grief, loss and bereavement. This is in conjunction with St Columbus Hospice. Staff are mindful that some children may need extra support during this exercise. Parents will be consulted beforehand.

7) Treasurer's report

To follow.

Next meeting date: Wednesday 1 May 2019 (Topic: School Improvement Plan)

Time: 7pm

Venue - PC Room