

## **DEDRIDGE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

### **AGM**

**21 May 2019  
6.30pm**

#### Attending

Neil Campbell  
Lorrain Campbell  
Tammy McCourt  
Amanda Kirwin  
Brenda Kelly  
Jackie Spencer  
Barney Todd  
Kathryn French  
Louise Corson

#### Apologies

Jazmine Kelly  
Kayleigh Greig  
Michele Elder  
Amanda Morrison  
Corinne McLeod

#### 1. Welcome

Neil, the current Chair Person welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance tonight.

#### 2. Apologies

As indicated above.

#### 3. Review of last AGM Minutes

The date of the AGM should read 24<sup>th</sup> and not "4<sup>th</sup> and Michael Keegan referred to on page two should read "Michael Deegan".

#### 4. Chair Person's Report

Neil thanked everyone for their support and hard work over the year, confirming we have had a busy year but struggling to see what we could do to improve/make bigger next year. Mr Todd commented to say that what was achieved this year was an improvement and not to put ourselves down and just try to aim for the same again this year.

Following on from the Nursery to P1 transition meeting on 11 June 2019 Neil confirmed positive feedback of parents asking for PVG forms to become Parent Council members and such forms had been handed out.

It was discussed that we need to make ourselves known within the school and Mrs French suggesting a pyramid of members just like the school staff in reception, also putting it onto the school website and Facebook page.

Neil confirmed not being able to make the once a month visit to the Nursery as he wished to do, but would attempt to do this after the holidays.

#### 5. Finances

A lot of money has been raised over the year but also a lot of money has been spent in order to make items more sustainable and usable in the years to come. Discussion about in the future obtaining own disco equipment in case anything happened to Neil and Lorrian's.

The current balance held is £2,095.63. There are discrepancies in the accounts and Neil would speak with Mrs Charles over the coming days to discuss further.

Tammy had asked whether the Colour Run sponsor money had been passed over to Jak's Den but had not yet as Mrs French confirmed it was likely to be the school's charity of choice for the coming year and any charity fundraising would be going to them and she wished to have a big presentation with a bigger cheque at the end of the year (with possible photo in paper too). Lorrain asked if the Parent Council could still do a fundraise coffee morning for Macmillan, this was agreed.

#### 6. Proposed Constitution

It was pointed out that there were a lot of co-opted members and discussion about who had the rights to vote. All co-opted members were allowed a vote except for Mrs French as Head Teacher.

Discussion regarding the rolling Chairperson was discussed. It was agreed that under the heading "Parent Council Membership" the wording relating to rolling positions even if their children have left the school shall now read "The office bearers may if they wish choose to continue..." therefore giving the choice of the council member to step down.

The last paragraph in the same section the start should read "In order to support events all Parent Council Members must complete and hand in..." and the last sentence should read "If an application is returned as refused from Disclosure Scotland (PVG) (or whichever the governing body is being used at the time) then the member could be removed from the Parent Council straight away.

Under the heading of "Meetings" the first sentence should read "Meetings of the Parent Council shall be held as required on a monthly basis, during term time".

An EGM can be called at any time as and when required.

All other items of the Constitution was agreed and seconded.

#### 7. Head Teacher Report

Mrs French confirmed it has been an exhausting year with staff members being off. Plans for next session were that she has two probation teachers, one being fully funded by the Council.

All P1s and appeals have now been closed and only catchments children will be allowed into P1 and P2. There are going to be composite classes for the new P1s namely P1, P1/2.

Movement of classes will be made during the summer and that the library will be moved. The movement of classes will allow a for a therapeutic area, enable smaller classes, confirming that P1 and P2 were play based, P3 and P4 topic work with P6 and P7 training for skills for life and inviting people from high school into the school.

Mrs French has been given permission for short term, six week basis, to have resource classes of up to eight pupils. Mrs French has the ability to swap staff around into the resource classes as the staff do not need to be specially trained.

Pupils will know, possibly on Wednesday, if not on Friday who their new class teachers will be.

P1, P4 and P7 attainment targets had risen and the Council were surprised at the P1 results and asked the school to double check them which they did.

Mrs French confirmed the management teaching staff for next year as: Mrs French, Head Teacher, Mr Todd, Depute Head, and Mrs Keegan, Acting will be four days per week and Mr McRae as Acting with the school funding him for three days per week.

Mr McRae has been an asset to the school with lots of ideas which hopefully can be implemented in the coming year.

School Improvement Plan has been completed and will be submitted on Friday.

PEF has been really beneficial and has worked really well.

The book lunch was used from the PEF and cost approximately £5,000 to have the author come in and help the children and have the books produced, which have been a hit. Since the children have been using their writing skills they have improved from 4.5/10 to 8/10.

#### 8. Election of Members to Serve on Parent Council

Following the agreement of the Constitution revisals co-opted members were invited in namely Barney Tood, Brenda Kelly and re-appointment of Jackie Spencer. All other new appointees were agreed, seconded and made as follows:

Chair Person – Neil Campbell  
Vice Chair Person – Vacant  
Treasurer and Online Support – Louise Corson  
Secretary – Amanda Kirwin  
Events Co-ordinator – Lorraine Campbell  
School Liaison – Jackie Spencer

As a Treasurer has now been appointed a new bank account will be set up and it was agreed there would be three signatories, Louise Corson, Amanda Kirwin and Tammy McCourt.

#### 9. AOCB

It has been brought up again of parents 'vaping' on school grounds. A reminder on Facebook and by letter from the school that it is Council's policy that no vaping or smoking is allowed on school grounds.

Mrs French confirmed that traditionally the Parent Council funds help subsidise school trips and as the school will no longer have direct access to the funds she would like one big event whereby the funds go directly to the school. This was agreed.

Discussion took place regarding 'Dedridge Does Summer' and Neil had sourced garden games in Aldi in which he wished to purchase for the school equating to approximately £95-£100 and asked if it was ok for him and Lorraine to purchase and claim back at a later date. This was agreed. It was also confirmed again that £100 will be passed over to Mrs Spencer to purchase the food for the last event 'Fun in the Sun' on 13 August 2019. Mrs French confirmed that she has to attend a Council meeting that day and can no longer attend the event. She is unable to ask staff to come in as it is their holiday. The event on this day will run as a Parent Council event under Parent Council insurance.

#### Foodbank Friday's

This has been a great hit and Mrs French was keen for this to continue, unfortunately the last collection took three weeks to uplift, Neil confirmed a new person at the Foodbank was now in charge and he may have forgotten. It was discussed to try and get the Courier involved to show what the kids have been doing at school for the community.

Mrs French wished to invite the Parent Council to a coffee morning, the date has now been confirmed as 27 June 2019 at 9.15am to say thank you to the Council.

Date of next AGM provisionally 16 June 2020 – time to be confirmed.

Date of next Parent Council Meeting – 27 August 2019 – this will just be a meeting to set the dates of events and Meetings for the year only. This will be at 3.15pm.