

MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 18th JANUARY 2022

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSIONS	ACTIONS
Introduction & Welcome	John French welcomed all.	
Minutes & Apologies	Approved; apologies- H Thomson & R Lewis	
Councillors Questions	No councillors present	
School Captains Update	School Captains updated on the cancellation of Christmas Fair due to COVID-19 and thanked local businesses for their offered support. Also updated that given the current COVID-19 climate that the Burns Supper would also be cancelled. The School Captains are running other projects and will continue to update the Parent Council.	
Rights Respecting Schools Award	Mr Chisholm, DHT introduced the team working on RRSA. Miss Forbes and some students presented a PowerPoint on this. Great group of students involved in this and thanked staff who have participated also. Miss Harrison discussed what had been done so far. Students highlighted areas and talked about their involvement in World Children's Day, and next steps. They asked that parents complete the survey they had made available to gather further information. Miss Forbes will tweak the survey so it can go to a wider audience.	PowerPoint out with Minutes
Parents Council Chair Update	JF introduced Gail Currie who is the Parental Participation link for Midlothian Council. Gail had met with the Head Teachers and Parent Council Chairs previously. She is keen to hear from parents and to support Parent Councils in the local schools. Looking at how Parent Councils operate just now - is this how we want them to going forward - what ideas can she help us with. JF confirmed that his tenure of the Chair position, after being involved with the Parent Council for more than 12 years will finish this session. He encouraged the members to continue their support of the school and welcomed any interest in any of the Elected member's roles for the future.	
Head Teacher's Report	CH discussed the Head Teachers Report which is attached to these Minutes. SQA - exams were discussed and there are three options for this - COVID-19 dependant. The school are expecting an exam diet but we await further updates which will be communicated as soon as we have them. Blended Learning may still feature given COVID-19 cases and the impact on staffing. Catering reopening from 31 st January 2022. Review of School Values going forward - lots of good work being done on this and parents input will be sought also. 2 parents for a session on this asked for - volunteers came forward	
Question & Answer session	No questions sent in	
Live Chat to answer question from chat function	Chat attached and questions answered throughout.	

200 club draw	In the process of being handed over to next Treasurer	
AOCB	JF discussed the new IT in the school and welcomed this support but was also mindful that it can present issues also.	
Chat saved from meeting is attached.		

Contact names for information: If you wish a query or comment to go to a particular person, please add their name to subject field in any e-mail into the dedicated Parent Council email address and this will be forwarded to them, thanks.

Joint Chair - John French (JF)

Joint Chair - Rebecca Lewis (RL)

Treasurer - Chris Hurst (CH)

Skills Bank - John French

Head Teacher - Campbell Hornell (HT)

Ruth Watson - School Business Manager (RW)

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Next Meeting date Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 19.00 via Zoom meeting