

Trinity Primary School Parent Council

Tuesday 13th March 2018 19:30 P7 Classroom

Minutes

1. Attendees

Helen Duncan (Chair), Karen Stevenson (Minutes), Cristiaan Hofstra, Catriona Regan, Angela Davidson, Colette Woods, Cath Kidd, Kate Goodall, Clare Sharp, Kev Head, Steve Hodgson (Trinity Academy), Jacqueline Scott (HT), Kirsty Martin (DHT), Cllr Jim Campbell (Councillor)

Apologies

Ben Powell, Kristin Deekin, Cllr George Gordon, Cllr Adam McVey

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2018 were accepted without changes

3. Correspondence –

- Following the last-minute cancellation of the Recruitment and Selection Training session, Helen Duncan had contacted Anne Mitchell at CEC to ask whether an alternative online mechanism might be possible. Alexander Ramage, Parent Rep to CEC was ccd. As yet we have received no reply, perhaps because one of the staff members is on long term sick leave.
- Lorna Sweeney had requested input from Parent Councils about employability and skills development at schools. Helen Duncan had communicated with her on the careers events and activities in place and had received a reply.

4. Online Safety Evening Review

- Overall 90 people signed up for this event on 1st February. It was very well received. There will be workshops in the summer term for P6-P7 parents. There are ‘net aware’ rating apps available on TPS website.

5. Head Teacher’s Report – as circulated

6. Rising Rolls Update and Next Steps

- Summary from Steve Hodgson of Trinity Academy Parent Council (TA PC) and thanks for his attendance tonight.

In early 2018, there was continued pressure from TA PC on politicians to invest in TA new build (it is 125 years old this year); a deputation on a business case for this was sent to the Education committee of City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) last week (Cllr Jim Campbell wrote the motion which received unanimous support); this is to be reported back on by 22nd May 2018 when the Education committee are meeting to approve the report; the business case to be set out will look at either refurbishment of TA or a complete rebuild, including feasibility of a TPS/TA campus and the expansion of Bangolm Sports facilities to free up the current TA site. The business case alone may cost anywhere from £500,000 to £1,000,000, and will then be put to the Scottish Government (SG) and to CEC.

TA PC has been effective at keeping the pressure up, and the local MSP is actively asking to be lobbied on the issue. A rebuild of TA may cost around £40-60 million but should be expected to get 2/3 of the funding from SG. It is proposed that Bangolm upgrade could be funded without SG input.

Proposal for a joint TPS/TA committee made up of PC members to oversee the next steps re TA rebuild/refurb – volunteers from TPS PC are Ben Powell, Cath Kidd and Angela Davidson.

Action point for Helen Duncan - TPS PC to write a letter of support to CEC and MSPs/MP on the business case

- CEC have spent £1.8 million on TPS upgrade over a 3 year period. ***Action point for Jim Campbell – to ask CEC about capital spend on building maintenance***
- The school front door electronic lock is still not adequately working and remains problematic to fix
- Rear classroom build
 - A security contractor has been appointed due to ongoing vandalism of the fences. Friends of Victoria Park called the Police at the weekend after erection of the fences due to antisocial behaviour.
 - ***Action point - Cllr Jim Campbell will ask CEC re: signage to inform the public of the purpose of the building works***

- Helen Duncan to communicate with Friends of Victoria Park about reason for building works as well
- The other gate to the rear of TPS is to be opened up to allow smoother access to the back playground for parents, carers and pupils
- HD to chase Robbie Crockett re: budget for replacing the Trinity Theatre +/- the Fort

7. May Fair Tombola – Saturday 12th May 2018

- The rota will be circulated

8. Annual Review

- PC feedback to be given at next meeting

9. Accounts = £0

10. Communications

- TPS PC to be given access to TPS website. Transfer meeting papers over to this ***Action point for Catriona Regan and Siobhan Tyrrell***

11. Meeting dates for 2018/19

*** Action point for Helen Duncan to meet with Jacqueline Scott to decide dates for 2018/19.**

12. AOCB - none

13. Next Meeting: May 22nd 2018