

MINUTES OF PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

8th May – St Ronan’s Primary School

<p>ATTENDEES: Jan Lister (Acting Head), Kate McMillan (Chair), Jane Hogarth, Sara Rose, Morag Bramhall, Mary Tweedie, Beth McGarvie-Jones,</p>	
<p>APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Gwydion Ball, Margot Smolenska, John Keen, Jacqui Panton, Fiona Williams (staff), David Cornwall (Acting Deputy)</p>	
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<p>HEAD TEACHER UPDATE</p> <p>Busy since return from holidays. Jan reflected to last January and feels there has been a huge change and shift - support from staff, positivity, more energy being put into moving the school forward, people on board.</p> <p>JL assured teachers at in-service they are on the front foot to welcome the new HT (Lesley Miglis). New HT familiar with the Borders already.</p> <p>Will SBC still be actively recruiting even though a 1 year secondment? KM/JK to email SBC for clarity. Also to bring up lack of clarity and communication centrally regarding our school (not referring to general across the board updates). Is there succession planning (e.g. leadership training, into headship, and for support staff ANA Academy)</p> <p>Successful P7 residential with great feedback from pupils, staff and centre staff. Great venue and booked again for next year (second part of the week rather than first half (2 nights), so it ends on the weekend). Other two days will be activities in the community.</p> <p>Wild Meadow project is well under way now (Thank you JP and helpers). What will happen to this during the summer though? Would Ross McGinn possibly help water if dry?</p> <p>Productive In-Service day yesterday. Update on SBC Way (new curriculum designed to give consistency over early 1st, 2nd and 3rd level). Last year was the “sprint” approach. From August will be 2-yr programme of adopting the curriculum across all SBC schools.</p> <p>School roll staying at 8 classes next year.</p>	KM/JK
<p>PARENT CHAIR UPDATE</p> <p>KM spoke about the parent chair festival to be held 6-8pm on the 13th June. KM to investigate how many people to attend.</p> <p>KM raised that she had been sent info on “the chat” national survey and had been asked to see if it had been sent out to parents.</p> <p>Lots of schools changing photographer – away from Tempest. Natalie Martin meant to be doing class photos this term and individual photos in September.</p> <p>KM thanked JL and DC for their ongoing roles as acting HT and DHT.</p>	KM JL
<p>POINTS FROM LAST MEETING</p> <p>Swimming lessons</p> <p>Pool offer was a Friday morning, which was logistically difficult coming from a distance. Plan is to organise something that can roll out to all P4-7 starting in the new session.</p>	JP/JL

<p>keep costs minimal, all children need to apply for a bus pass and travel by public transport. The charge of the lessons is unknown, however historically, it was a nominal amount. Approach the PTA for assistance in funding if required. Applications for bus passes might require assistance. Should start the process now. JL & DC to discuss.</p> <p>Online safety Are there any learning modules on online safety. PC Moodie is local police liaison and comes in and talks with the children (historically P6/7). ipads in P4 – online safety should be part of this (St Ronan’s staff do this, but something provided by well-equipped people would be good, which repeats at least annually).</p> <p>Working group on respectful relationships and anti-bullying policy These policies have been updated by SBC and now need to be personalised to St Ronan’s. JL and Beth McGarvie-Jones. A survey put to P3-7 to get feedback on their experience in school, in particular playtimes. Focussing on safety – important that all children should feel safe, not just a percentage of that. BM is collating results. Initial reading of the results is that playtimes can and need to be better. Knock-on effect of reduction in support staff. Valuable piece of work, but how do we take it forward and respond to what the children are saying.</p> <p>BM offering every second Tuesday to try a drop-in type safe space. BM looking at funding applications for playground equipment. Would PTA contribute?</p> <p>Showbie Still some parents struggling. A training session would be helpful for parents. Email sent from Showbie on 27 March to say unless you confirm email address you will no longer receive email notifications.</p> <p>Website Need to make sure minutes from PP added.</p> <p>Review on Reporting – not discussed Parents would like to know a basic structure of learning and have some understanding of where their child is currently/aiming for. The Curriculum for Excellence is not a readable or helpful reference book and is designed for teachers. Hopefully a more consistent learning pathway will come from SBC in the future, however some basic explanation would be appreciated sooner.</p> <p>Update on application from school for extra funding for Anas – not discussed No applications made. Possible additional funding may come from PEF?</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL/BM</p> <p>JL</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>School Playground/Garden tidy-up/Edible Garden Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Fundraising Projects – more discussion required Grow a Fiver? Would the Rotary like to fund this? Could the new P7s use their fundraising for something that has been requested throughout the primary year classes – playground equipment?</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Week First week in June. The school may require help in leading this project. Could include sessions in healthy eating/cooking/sports/exercise/art/music ... DC will reach out.</p> <p>Safety Around the School Grounds</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>DC</p>

