

Dunoon Primary Parent Council Meeting – 31/6/16

Present – Elaine S, Maggie McL, Karen, Morag McD, Senga, Lindsey McP, Jillian J, Julie H, Claire W, Katie M

Apologies – Chris B, Mel D, Fiona C

1.

Elaine gave a report. The following is a summary –

- Update on staffing – S McEwan, L Walker, M Macdonald, Belinda, C Whitam, S Waddell are all back.
- Open Day – Very Successful with great community links made and excellent feedback
- Tracking and monitoring system being looked at – Elaine and Senga visited Newton Primary who have robust system in place.
- Elaine and Doreen visited Learning centre in Rockfield primary.
- Theatre groups and Endangered Animals Bus recently visited.
- World Book Day well received and leftover books sold in playground and remaining given to Ardnahein
- “Champions Group” formed and first meeting has taken place looking at the top floor and playground.
- Choir – From August this will be an after school activity and not take place during school hours. Elaine stressed her desire to keep the choir going as they are such an important part of Dunoon Primary and have great links within the community.

The School Improvement plan was discussed in detail.

Elaine reported on last year’s progress and informed up of next year’s targets and asked the Parent Council to comment. – Everyone was happy with it and acknowledged that there will also be lots of other challenges and learning opportunities with the refurbishment etc.

2.

Morag gave a report on the Pre 5 Unit’s recent inspection. A lot of hard work paid off with a Very Good report. Well done Morag and your Early Year’s Team.

3.

Senga gave a report on the French learning within the school. She has been working closely with Gwen McCrossan and there is an exciting “Twin school/pen pal project” in the pipeline.

Senga also gave out copies and explained The “Rationale” of the curriculum. Parents have been asked to comment.

4.

Julie asked about the Learning Journeys and a discussion took place about the relevance and content. Elaine will discuss this with Staff and find out what other schools are doing and then consult parents on further developments.

5.

Julie asked about Clerical staff cuts and if there was anything that the Parent Council could do to prevent this from happening. Elaine explained the huge impact losing these hours will have but that it has been worked out according to the current school role.

Julie will contact Annemarie Knowles and get clarification as to what will happen if the school role increases in the future.

Lindsey will construct an email supporting the Clerical Staff and highlighting the important role that they do and how it will affect the running of the school if we lose these hours.

Please Note – That copies of the following documents can be requested from Elaine and she welcomes comments/ feedback

Improvement Plan 2016/17

Care Inspectorate Report – Pre Five Unit – 21/3/16

The Rationale for Our Curriculum