**Present**: P Johnstone, I Joyce, A Lockhart, C McLean, M McMichael, A McSorley, T O’Connor

**Date:**  2nd October 2018

**Apologies**:

**Chair**: P Johnstone

**Minutes**: P Johnstone

Agenda

## *Welcome & Prayer*

1. ***Empowering Schools Agenda – Implications for Parental Engagement***
2. ***Current School Improvement Plan***
3. ***Parents’ Night Format***
4. ***Parents’ Info Evenings – Content***
5. ***Next Meeting***

Minutes

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| Item | Summary of discussion | Action Points |
|  | The meeting began with a prayer |  |
|  | * P Johnstone asked Council members to read over a letter of invitation to all parents/carers to join the Parent Council before it is issued.
* P Johnstone issued the ‘Parental and Community Engagement’ Section of the Empowering Schools: A Consultation on the Provision of the Education (Scotland) Bill.
* P Johnstone summarised the key duties on Head Teachers bullet point highlighting “greater consistency in the role and influence of Parent Councils over substantive matters of school policy, improvement planning and curricula design.”
 | **P Johnstone to amend PC invitation letter to include tear off slip response****The Parent Council to be participative in creation of SIP for session 2019/20** |
| C) | * The current SIP was issued and discussed.
* This included some discussion of the current Vision, Values and Aims for the school and the level of participative involvement from parents/carers in the creation of these.
* Only one member of the Parent Council remembered consultation regarding VVA and this was identified to happen around 5 years ago.
* There was discussion of the two key SIP Priorities. Council members had not previously seen the SIP nor had they participated in the identification of priorities.
* Council Members expressed real interest in knowing more about both SIP Priorities, in particular the Digital Learning agenda. Members were very keen to engage in preparatory work with staff to ensure best use of ipads when they arrive in April 2019.
 | **VVA to be revisited in the second half of 2018/19 session with view to launching new VVA statements in Session 2019/20****SIP Groups to communicate progress and outcomes with Parent Council****Parents to have earlier timeframe to engage with Digital Learning agenda** |
| d) | There was some discussion of the current format for Parents’ Night and what could be done to improve this.The Council agreed the following:**FORMAT*** Parents/carers should be given appointment times and a list of teachers to see on arrival at reception and teachers should do their best to stick to appointment timeframes
* Parents/carers value the opportunity to see the work of young people and asked that this be a feature of meetings

**CONTENT*** Council members asked that the key content of the discussion should be on progress made with learning and teaching
* Council members asked for a Solution Focused approach to discussion ensuring positive information is shared. However it was also agreed that information should be honest and reflective of genuine pupil progress and engagement

There was further discussion of the need for the Pupil Planning agenda to align with Parents’ Night discussion in order that targets that are mutually agreed, shared and understood can be discussed. | **P Johnstone to take the Parents’ Night discussion points to the wider staff and agree on a format that both recognises the suggestions and is practical to achieve.****The Parents’ Night format to be consulted on by the wider parent body.** |
| e) | To be discussed at next meeting |  |
|  f)  | Next Meeting date agreed as Tuesday 13th November at 1:30pm. |  |