

MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2015 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Mr P Rawcliffe, Chair & Parent Member
Mrs J Clark, Parent Member
Mr A Simpson, Vice Chair & Parent Member
Mrs N Turnbull, Head Teacher
Mr J Wilson, Parent Member
Mrs P Robson, Clerk

Mr Rawcliffe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Archibald, Mrs Barnes, Mr McBain and Mrs Nicholson.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 3rd December 2014 was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mr Wilson.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed traffic survey – nothing to report.
PE Provision – Mrs Mannall will work in school during the summer term for 5 sessions, Thursday afternoons, to upskill teachers to provide PE lessons for pupils. Continuing to organise extra curricular activities, P5-P7 basketball coaching and golf coaching for next term. Mrs Turnbull had been approached by a parent who felt that P1-P4 class does not receive enough PE. The school will once again look into providing more sport through Active Sports.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received. Chairman's report to be discussed at items 7 and 8.

5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Big thank you to PFA Committee and Mr Rawcliffe, they are covering the cost of the GP Hall carpet, £400 – very much appreciated. Thanks also for all their hard work at Burns' Supper. Mrs Turnbull, Mr Archibald and Mrs Robson very much appreciate the gifts. Very successful event for community, parents and pupils working together.
- Enrolment of new infant beginners – we are expecting 5 or 6 new P1s in August – taking our roll up to possibly 38. All P7 pupils are leaving to attend Lockerbie Academy.
- The Community Council have provided funds to purchase the 100 square for the playground and a large planter. We have asked a company for a quote for painting netball/football lines but this was £500. We have asked for another quote for Sovereign Play and will contact the Community Council or maybe apply for more lottery funding. These lines would be more durable than painted ones.

Mr Archibald also suggested proper basketball/netball boards to be mounted on the building for the pupils to use as the large ones are not so convenient for everyday use.

- Recent internet safety information evening on 20th January was led by PC Young and around 6 parents attended. Very interesting talk to help raise parents' awareness of what to look out for and the dangers of pupils using the internet. PC Young did say if anyone has any concerns to please contact her. She will continue to visit the school and work with the pupils. Her next visit is on 19th February and we will be looking at citizenship.
- On 9th March all P6 and P7 pupils will visit Lockerbie Manor, return on 11th March. This has very kindly been subsidised by PFA funds.
- We will have an open afternoon on 31st March to say goodbye to Mrs Davies after 21 years of service. The pupils will hopefully entertain and refreshments will be available. The Janitors post will be advertised in the press soon.
- Note last day of term is Thursday 2nd April and return on Monday 20th April.
- Parents will soon receive a letter reporting on the progress we have made since HMI recommendations.
- Gymnastics and basketball competitions will be held this month. P7s will attend Curling festival in March, also Cross Country Festival at Lochmaben Primary for P4-P7 in March.
- Swimming lessons – we continue to try and secure the services of swimming coaches and are currently looking into providing lessons after the summer break.
- Thank you to Mr Wilson for fixing the playground equipment.

6 PFA REPORT

Mrs Clark distributed copies of up to date Accounts. The current bank balance is £1014. The recent Burns Supper has raised £737.85 profit to date. The Book Fair held in December ran at a loss of £218.52. The Pantomime held in December raised £329.33 and rag bags £321.10. The PFA have paid for the new carpet in the GP Hall, £383.33 and also donated £696.27 to the P6 & P7 trip to Lockerbie Manor in March. Enquiries would be made about using another source for rag bag collections. Mrs Turnbull thanked the PFA Committee for all their fund raising efforts. She noted that they had in fact raised more money than she received from the Authority in her annual budget allocation.

Regarding the P6/P7 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. Members are concerned that some fees have yet to be paid to school by some parents. The school paid for the full cost of this trip in December 2014. Members asked the school to send out a letter to those parents who were yet to pay with a deadline for full payment by Friday 20th February. They suggested that if payment was not received by this date then the place should be offered to a P5 pupil. Should any places become

available a letter should go out to parents of all P5 pupils advising them of available places. All members present were in agreement with this proposal.

7 PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr Rawcliffe met with two representatives from the joint Parent Council for Cummertrees and Carrutherstown Primaries. At this meeting these parents informed Mr Rawcliffe that their partnership was now working well and they did not want a 3 school partnership which would include Brydekirk. They had sent out a survey to the parents of these two schools and approximately 75% of parents did not want Brydekirk to join their partnership. They had also sent out a letter to local Councillors and MPs noting their concerns. Mr Rawcliffe contacted Education Services to request up to date information. He was informed that this is an ongoing process and they are continually working on this and no changes had been made to date. Mr Rawcliffe will speak Alison Gold at Education Services to keep her up to date. Mr Simpson stated that he is concerned that a partnership with Elmvale is still a possibility.

8 SUPPORTING LEARNERS SERVICE REVIEW

Mr Rawcliffe attended a meeting at Annan Academy for a presentation on the above review. He has a copy of the presentation if anyone wishes to see it. The Authority has made proposals to Committee to save money and these have been accepted. One recommendation is that Additional Support for Learning teachers will consult with class teachers and advise them of appropriate support to be delivered to pupils. Mr Simpson suggested that they should also take time to train Additional Support for Learning Assistants. Currently 4396 pupils in this Region have additional support needs. The level of assistance for each school is measured using a matrix system and one criteria used is the number of pupils in each school receiving free school meals and clothing grants.

9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Resignation of Chair - the Parent Council would like to thank Mr McBain for all of his good works and assistance when he was Chair of the Council, very much appreciated by all.

The school recently entered a team for a girls football festival, held at the Sands Centre on 31st January. Well done to pupils who attended this, their excellent behaviour and attitude was commented on by other adults at the festival.

As Mr Rawcliffe is now Chair of the Parent Council it was proposed he become a signatory for the Current Account. Proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mr Simpson. Mr McBain will be removed as a signatory.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.