

MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 17th JUNE 2015 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Mr P Rawcliffe, Chair & Parent Member
Mr C Archibald, Co-opted Member
Mrs J Clark, Parent Member
Mrs S Farrall, Parent Member
Mrs D Nicholson, Parent Member
Mr A Simpson, Vice Chair & Parent Member
Mr J Wilson, Parent Member
Mrs N Turnbull, Head Teacher
Mrs P Robson, Clerk

Mr Rawcliffe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Barnes and Mrs Hunter.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 1st April was approved as a true record.
Proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mr Archibald.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Garage in playground – hope to remove this during the summer break.

Additional Support for Learning – members discussed cuts in staffing and implications for the school with regard to the level of provision for additional support for learning. The amount of support given to schools is decided after the annual audit of needs. Classroom Assistants have been replaced with Learning Assistants and their hours have been cut.

School Trip to Caerlaverock on 17th June – Mr Rawcliffe thanked Mrs Turnbull for providing and making packed lunches for all pupils and staff.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Sports Day went well on 2nd June. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and we received good feedback from both adults and pupils. A very big thank you to all who helped, both staff and parents. Also to Mrs Rawcliffe for presenting the trophies. Thank you to Mr McBain who took lots of excellent photographs. These photographs are for sale.
- Golf tuition has been very popular with P5-P7 pupils on Wednesday afternoons. As has the traditional song activity on Thursday mornings.

- Mrs Mannall has also given us some very worthwhile and enjoyable input both at school, golf in the playing field and at the village hall. The hall was a very good venue to use and we hope to use this again in the future.
- Induction Day went well for new P1s.
We have run out of time for the Toddler Group visit. We are having problems finding a contact and Mrs Robson has been told that this group is not running.
- Pupils did really well at the Sprint Relay. They came third but it was noted that all other winning teams had all P7s boys in their teams.
Netball at Hecklegirth went really well and Katie Nicholson won a Sports Trophy.
- Rag bags collected on 15th June and the shed was quite full. Thank you to Mrs Rawcliffe for helping load the lorry in the morning and also thanks to Mrs Cotton for offering help if they had arrived in the afternoon.
- On Friday 19th June all P7 pupils, Mr Archibald and possibly Liam are going on a trip to M & D's for a treat.
- Mrs Murray, our classroom assistant, finished in May and has not been replaced. We have been promised 4.5 hours next session. Also re-advertising the janitor vacancy.
- We wish P7s a great time next week at Lockerbie Academy. Only 4 days left.
- Disco on 29th June at 6.30 pm.
- Football competitions on 19th and 23rd June. Girls' football festival on 30th June.
- Visit from Riding of the Marches Officials on Monday 29th June in the afternoon.
- P7 Leaving Assembly on Wednesday 1st July at 11.00 am.
Non uniform day on 2nd July – pay £1.00

6 PFA REPORT

£1117.94 in bank account with rag bag collection total to be added. Members are looking for new fund raising ideas. Mrs McBain will step down as Chair at the AGM and new parents should be encouraged to join the group.

7 SCHOOL LUNCHES

It had been decided not to send a letter of complaint to DG First about school lunches. The Cook at Newington retired at Easter and a new Cook is now in place. Members should ask their children for feedback on the quality and portion size of school lunches. As room for tables and chairs is very tight the possibility of two sittings was suggested.

8 PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL UPDATE

Mr Rawcliffe reported that Education Services have been working on a proposal and this would be announced to members at a meeting on 24th June at 3.30 pm. He apologised for not being able to give members more information but was acting on instructions from the Authority. A letter would go out to parents on 25th June informing them of this proposal. A slip would be enclosed for any questions they may have.

9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr Rawcliffe raised the matter of parents contacting the school. It was agreed to send out a letter to parents to remind them to treat all members of staff with courtesy. The school office is not manned full time and they should leave a message on the answering machine. They should consider their query before contacting the school as they may already have the information. Also to remind parents that they can contact the Parent Council with concerns or enquiries. They will be reminded that due to staff cuts it is not always possible to speak to a member of staff without an appointment. Mr Rawcliffe will raise this matter at the annual Parent Forum meeting to be held next term.

Mrs Turnbull has decided to stop running the Art Club. She has asked Sandra Proudfoot of Active Schools to help run extra-curricular activities. It was suggested that if parents wish to organise After School Clubs the local village hall would be an excellent venue.

School Janitor Post – this will be re-advertised next term and it may be necessary to alter the working pattern.

Mrs Jane Clark will step down from the Parent Council as her son will be leaving Brydekirk to join Lockerbie Academy. Mr Rawcliffe thanked her for all of her help and support over the years. Very much appreciated.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date to be arranged.

This will be followed by the Annual Parental Forum Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.