

# MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 6.30 PM

**Present:** Mr P Rawcliffe, Chair & Parent Member  
Mr C Archibald, Co-opted Member  
Mrs M Barnes, Co-opted Member  
Mrs J Clark, Parent Member  
Mrs S Farrall, Parent Member  
Mrs J Hunter, Parent Member  
Mr C McBain, Parent Member  
Mr J Wilson, Parent Member  
Mrs N Turnbull, Head Teacher  
Mrs P Robson, Clerk

Mr Rawcliffe welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Parent, Miss M Davidson, was in attendance.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Nicholson and Mr Simpson.

## **2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February was approved as a true record.  
Proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mr Wilson.

## **3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

No matters arising.

## **4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received. Chairman's report to be discussed at items 7, 8 and 9.

## **5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

- School did really well at Annual Sports Awards winning the Small Schools Initiative. Well done to the rugby team and a big thank you to Mr Henderson for coaching. Super result.  
They also did very well at the Cross Country Festival held at Lochmaben.
- Sprint Relay event at Everholm will be on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Netball festival at Hecklegirth Primary to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Nicholson will very kindly coach the team along with Mrs Hunter.
- We have organised golf coaching for P5-P7 next term. Also extra PE input from Mrs Mannall, starting first Thursday after holiday for 5 weeks. Miss Davidson complained about the reduced time for PE/sports provision and also younger pupils not being included in certain sporting events and clubs. Mr Archibald outlined the problems experienced when including younger pupils in these events.

- Sports Day has been organised for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June as we have more staff attending on a Tuesday and also Mrs Foster will be available to help.  
(subsequently changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> June)
- Induction days for new P1s are 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June. They will attend all day and have a free school lunch. Mrs Turnbull also hopes to arrange a visit from the local Toddler Group.
- We hope to have Parents' Evening on 28<sup>th</sup> May just before the Friday INSET Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- P7 pupils will attend a Lego City Event with other P7s in our cluster on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- P7 pupils to attend Small World Transition events at Cummertrees Primary from 28<sup>th</sup> April until 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- 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.
- Curriculum swimming programme starts on 20<sup>th</sup> April until 7<sup>th</sup> May – 18 pupils attending. Hoping to organise swimming lessons for all pupils after the summer break.
- P5-P7 will receive music coaching next term for 6 sessions – Traditional Song.
- After school art club no longer running. All pupils receiving art on a Friday afternoon.

## 6 PFA REPORT

Income from Easy Fundraising has generated almost £100 to date. Parents need to be encouraged to use this site when purchasing goods online. It was suggested that fund raising events held should vary from year to year.

## 7 SCHOOL LUNCHES

Pupils have been complaining to their parents about school lunches and small portions. They also stated that sometimes there is not enough food provided for all pupils. Regarding portion size, all pupils receive the same amount of food, regardless of age. Parents were concerned about this and felt that the age of pupils should be taken into account. Mrs Turnbull has in the past telephoned DG First to pass on parents comments about lunches. Parents must also complain to DG First if they are not happy. Mr Rawcliffe will send a letter on behalf of the Parent Council to DG First outlining the above. It was also noted that the Cook at Newington was retiring at Easter.

## **8 GARAGE IN PLAYGROUND**

Mr Rawcliffe and Mr Wilson have looked inside the garage in the playground. This is empty and they plan to remove the garage. Mrs Turnbull confirmed that the garage is on school property and could therefore be removed legally. New fencing and sheets of tin would have to be purchased.

## **9 PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL UPDATE**

Mrs Robson, Clerk, had received emails from two parent members unable to attend this meeting. She read these emails out in full to all members present. These emails were concerning an invite to Mr Rawcliffe by the Parent Council of Cummertrees and Carrutherstown. Mrs Nicholson was concerned that the invite was declined without the full consultation of all Parent Council members and suggested a global email should have been sent out to all members. Mr Simpson was approached by two members of the Cummertrees and Carrutherstown Parent Council who asked him why Brydekirk Parent Council had declined the invitation. As he had no previous knowledge of this invite he felt he had been put on the spot. He suggested that any future communications should be emailed around all members to avoid any misunderstanding. He did agree however that the correct decision had been made not to attend the meeting at this time.

Mr Rawcliffe responded to points raised in these emails. He clarified that he had received an invite from Michelle Craddock of Cummertrees and Carrutherstown Parent Council to attend a meeting to discuss partnership issues. He then spoke to the Authority for advice. The Authority confirmed that they had also received an invite and they would not be attending this meeting. They had asked the Cummertrees and Carrutherstown Parent Council to give them time to work on cluster options before holding any meetings involving Brydekirk. The Authority were disappointed that they had not been allowed this time. Mr Rawcliffe therefore thought it was in the best interests of Brydekirk Primary not to attend the meeting. He felt it would have been difficult to express opinions when Brydekirk was not yet officially partnered with Cummertrees and Carrutherstown. He also felt little could be achieved at the meeting if there was no representation from Education Services. He concluded by apologising if he had acted wrongly but felt it was in Brydekirk's best interests not to attend.

## **10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Message from Mr Simpson –  
Community Council Funding – they have approximately £4000 of funding available from Minsca and are looking for applications from the community. Mr Simpson has applied for a number of items for the playing field area.

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

Chairperson – Mr McBain served as Chair from March 2010. Mr Rawcliffe thanked him for all of his work and commitment during this time and presented him with a gift from the Parent Council. His time and assistance was very much appreciated.

New Parent Council Member – Parent, Miss Mychelle Davidson has asked to become a parent member of the Parent Council. Proposed by Mrs Clark and seconded by Mrs Farrall.

**11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Please Note Change of Date –

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.