

MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM

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

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Archibald, Mrs Barnes & Mrs Hunter.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 18th June 2014 was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mr Simpson and seconded by Mrs Clark.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Playground wall – this was repaired during the summer break.
- Suggested Parking Lines – Mr Simpson has spoken to Councillor Carruthers about possibly painting lines for parking spaces beside the school. The suggestion was also made to use part of the land next to the GP Hall for parking. Councillor Carruthers will contact the appropriate Council Departments and meet at the school to discuss further.
- Staffing Cuts – members very concerned that pupils are not receiving PE lessons this term or during term 3. Class teachers are now under more pressure and do not always receive their allocated RICCT time. There have been changes within the Active Sports Department and the school receives less support from them as a result of this. Councillor Carruthers has been informed about these cuts.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Mr McBain had received no relevant correspondence. He apologised to members for being unable to attend the last two Parent Council meetings. He has been very busy with work commitments and due to this he has decided to stand down as Chair after the Parent Forum meeting.

5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Pupils returned back to school on 20th August, 34 on roll. 15 in class P1-P4 and 19 in P5-P7. Expecting 2 new pupils, P1 and P4, starting after October break.
- New staff, Mrs Murray, Classroom Assistant. Mrs Waugh replacing Mrs Park in P5-P7 but hours greatly reduced.
New Art Teacher, Mrs Bowman, but specialist's time also reduced in the school. PE during terms 2 and 4 only, Art terms, 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Music terms 1 and 3.

We are trying to find ways/people through Active Schools to make sure pupils still get good quality input in our PE programmes.

Rugby coaching has started for P5-P7 class on Monday afternoons.

- We have been trying without any luck to secure swimming this term. The Pool is no problem but any swimming teachers we have approached have not been interested. Sandra Proudfoot has also tried to get coaches for us. Mr Simpson has given the school some names of swimming coaches to approach and Mrs Robson is following this up.
- Better news for next term, we have asked Michelle from the Drama Club to come in every Wednesday afternoon to work with the two classes and hopefully put on a Christmas Show in the village hall on the evening of 11th December.
- Pupils are invited to our Christmas Eve Service but perhaps a low key affair this year with traditional readings and carols. Members were happy with this suggestion.
- We were thinking about a Christmas Trip but not sure as working out quite expensive, approximately £20.00 per pupil without money from the PFA and school funds. There is a Panto, Peter Pan, at Easterbrook Hall, then skating at Ice Bowl with lunch provided. Looking for your thoughts?
Feedback was - Members would like this trip to go ahead and hoped that the PFA would pay for transport, possibly £10 per pupil thereby reducing costs for parents.
- Burns Supper will be in January 2015, will need to be organised and preparation started before Christmas.
- Our annual football tournament went very well, a super evening and again great to have the PFA there to supply refreshments. Big thank you to all concerned, especially Mr Archibald and Mrs Robson (but very disappointing we didn't receive the usual Thank You Emails from the other schools involved, as we have done in previous years).
- Hall Carpet – thank you to Mr Papaleo, has kindly organised new flooring for the GP Hall.
- Parents' Evening and Reports Night on Wednesday 26th November before the Inset Day and St Andrew's Day Holiday.
- Social Media and using ICT at home – would parents be interested in an information evening with P5-P7 pupils, with a talk from local police? **Yes they stated they would be interested.**

6 CLUSTER WORKING REVIEW UPDATE

No more information had been received on this subject. Mr Simpson had heard that the Carrutherstown and Cummertrees partnership schools had issued a letter to parents asking for their opinion on Brydekirk joining the partnership.

Mr McBain agreed to email Mr Grant to ask him for a status update.

7 PFA REPORT

Rag bags raised £360. Football tournament refreshments raised £232.
For financial year 2013-2014 income was £1382.82 and expenditure £889.00
Bank balance as at 31st August 2014 - £1283.21.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Garage in Playground – Property Services are looking into this and checking title deeds. It looks like this may belong to the Authority and could be demolished.
- Possible project for pupils – Mrs Nicholson informed members that the Community Council were looking into traffic problems in the village. There is a problem with vehicles speeding along the High Street and they have contacted PC Young for guidance.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.