



MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Mr C McBain, 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 P Rawcliffe, Parent Member
Mr J Wilson, Parent Member
Mrs P Robson, Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Barnes, Mrs Hunter, Mr Simpson and Mrs Turnbull. Parent, Miss M Davidson, was in attendance.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 1st October 2014 was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mr McBain and seconded by Mrs Nicholson.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Staffing Cuts – following the last meeting Councillor Carruthers had been contacted about the reduction in hours of visiting specialists and support staff. He sent an email to Mr Grant regarding this but no feedback had been received to date. Teachers are currently running PE lessons for pupils. Also the school is looking at alternative provisions for pupils and trying to organise other specialists to visit the school to provide PE instruction. This is resulting in considerably more administration for the school Secretary. Mr McBain will contact Mr Grant for an update on these cuts.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

School Partnerships – Carrutherstown and Cummertrees Primaries have reported that they feel their partnership is working well as a two school partnership. Mr McBain will contact Mr Grant to discuss this and options on offer for Brydekirk. A suggestion was made for the school to invite pupils from these two schools to Brydekirk for organised events, eg sporting events and school discos.

5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Hall now has new carpet which cost the school £400 and enough left to renew two entrance ways. Thanks to Mr Papaleo who gave his time to fitting it and myself and Craig who took the rubbish away to Corsehill tip. Certainly looks good, big improvement. Mr Rawcliffe suggested asking the PFA Committee to contribute to this cost.

- Outside area – Mr Wilson plans to finish the border now the wall has been repaired. We now know old garage is on school grounds and still waiting to see when/if it will be removed.
- Community Council still to organise painted number square and planters. Also we plan to buy netball court paint from money still left over, hopefully borrow machine for this in spring term.
- Also been suggested that we could, along with Village Hall Committee, put in a bid for outside classroom for playing field, similar to Gretna Primary. I can get details about their one.
- PE provision – we have had input from Active Schools, kindly organised with Mrs Robson. A basketball coach for P1-P4 class. Rugby for P5-P7 with Mr Henderson was very successful and we won the Small Schools Trophy at the annual Festival. Mrs Foster has started a lunch time gymnastics club on Tuesdays, competition in February 2015. Still no joy with swimming coaches but we/Mrs Robson will keep trying for next term.

Pantomime and Ice Skating Trip booked for 17th December. PFA kindly paying for transport.

- Pantomime Performance, 11th December – Michelle and pupils have worked hard on this. Refreshments served from 6.00 pm and performance starts at 6.30 pm. Charging £3.00 at the door and raffle tickets will be on sale. Donations of raffle prizes much appreciated.
- Non-Uniform day on 19th December, donations much appreciated.
- Not sure about Christmas Party on last day of term as P5-P7 have art on this day. Hope Santa will visit and need to check with PFA if they will buy selection boxes. Last year Mrs Robson arranged to buy these and wrap them.
- School Christmas lunch on Wednesday 10th December.
- Scholastic Book Fair being run by PFA on 4th, 5th and 8th, 3.30-5.30 pm. Staff may take pupils up to Hall to have a browse.
- Christmas Eve Service, 6.00 pm – led by pupils and hopefully most will be able to come. We may need to take school up to Church before then to practice. Rev Pickles said the organist will help lead the pupils in carol singing.
- Burns Supper on Friday 30th January 2015.

6 PFA REPORT

Rag bags were collected on 1st December, awaiting cheque to confirm amount raised. Will investigate using another collection company in Carlisle as they are advertising a better rate per kg.

Scholastic Books – PFA Committee will purchase a book for each pupil and they will be given this at the Christmas Party.

7 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

The following nominations for Chairperson had been received by the Clerk -

Mr Paul Rawcliffe – nominated by Mrs Jane Clark and seconded by Mr Chris McBain

Mr Alex Simson – nominated by Mrs Debbie Nicholson and seconded by Mr James Wilson.

Members then voted and Mr Rawcliffe was elected to serve as Chairperson of Brydekirk Primary Parent Council. He will serve from this date, 3rd December with Mr Simpson continuing as Vice Chair.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mrs Nicholson has been in touch with PC Young regarding the road traffic survey to be carried out in the village. No dates have been set.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.