

# MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.30 PM

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

## **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Hunter and Mrs Nicholson.

## **2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mr McBain and seconded by Mr Simpson.

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

Nothing to report.

## **4 AMENDMENT TO PARENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

The maximum size of the Parent Council has been increased from 9 to 15 members. All members of the Forum have been advised of this and no objections were received. Proposed by Mr McBain and seconded by Mrs Clark.

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

An information evening on the running of Parent Councils and PFA Committees will be held at Lockerbie Primary on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Simpson agreed to attend this and would liaise with other members wishing to attend also.

Mr McBain noted with sadness the passing of Mr Malcolm McGeorge, previous Vice Chair of the School Board and Parent Council. Also the very sad news of the sudden death of Mrs Diane Winslade, mother of two pupils.

## **6 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

- Rag Bag collection was on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- Fund Raising. Carol Singing at Hetland and also around village went well. Also bag packing at Co-op in Annan.
- Pupils had a treat on 19<sup>th</sup> December – trip to cinema in Annan.

- Christmas Eve Service at the Church was well attended and even though we had the pressure of the inspection we managed to put on a good performance of the Christmas Carol story and Nativity Shadow Puppet.
- Very sadly Burns Supper was cancelled but plan to do this next year.
- 5 pupils enrolled so classed planned to date  
P1-P4 – 13 pupils and P5-P7 – 18 pupils.  
No change, 31 pupils.
- Rev Pickles is continuing to visit the school and would like to attend Parent Council meetings when the dates suit him. Also PC Sidebottom is back from Police College and is helping to support and plan various visits to take to pupils.
- Big thank you to Chris McBain for giving up his time and taking the school photos, this is a great help to the school fund.
- We still have various clubs on offer – Drama, Football, Running Club with Mr Archibald, Art Club with Mrs Ong is proving to be very popular. St Columba's has offered us to join their after school Karate Club and Lacrosse Club with Mrs Foster is starting up at the end of February.
- Gymnastics Competition, DG One on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.  
Curling Festival for P7s at Lockerbie Ice Rink on 5<sup>th</sup> March.  
Cross Country will be held again at Lochmaben on 18<sup>th</sup> March, morning for small schools.  
Lacrosse Competition at Barony College on 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- We have a student starting on 24<sup>th</sup> March for 6 weeks in P1-P4 class and another student starting in P5-P7 class in May.
- Inspection report out on 11<sup>th</sup> February seemed really positive. There are some developments to address but Mrs Robb engaged well with staff and pupils and does not plan to re-visit the school.
- Cycling – this is not offered by the Authority and it is now up to individual schools to organise cycling training. Mr McBain would ask the local club in Annan for advice.
- The Pupil Council has met and lots of suggestions have been made for school clubs.
- Mrs Turnbull thanked members for the Christmas gifts she and Mr Archibald received from the Parent Council.

## **7 HMI INSPECTION - REPORT**

All parents have been given a copy of the report. Mrs Robb, Inspector, was very interactive with staff and pupils during the inspection week and she observed a number of lessons. She gave staff very good advice and suggested areas of the curriculum to focus on. Staff are happy with the report. She does not plan to re-visit the school. Mr McBain felt the report was an accurate reflection of the school.

## **8 CLUSTER WORKING REVIEW UPDATE**

Mr McBain updated members on the responses received from two local Councillors concerning clustering with a Lockerbie school. Their advice was that this would not be a possibility and to accept the Cummertrees and Carrutherstown option. Mr McBain has been in touch with Mr Grant to seek guidance on building bridges and engaging with the two suggested schools. Mr Grant suggested that any approaches should be taken very slowly and all arrangements cleared first with Mrs Turnbull. Mr McBain would look into contacting the Parent Council Chairpersons at these schools.

## **9 PFA REPORT**

Bag packing at the Co-op before Christmas went very well, some pupils sang carols and collected more money.

## **10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- New flooring is badly needed in the GP Hall. Mr Starkey, Clerk of Works is investigating this.
- Thank you to Mr Wilson for his work in the playground, stage looking very good and the playground is now much tidier.
- Many thanks to the Community Council, they kindly purchased a Projector for the school.

## **11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 6.30 pm in the school.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.