

# **MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2014 AT 6.30 PM**

**Present:** 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 S Farrall, Parent Member  
Mrs J Hunter, Parent Member  
Mr J Wilson, Parent Member  
Mrs N Turnbull, Head Teacher  
Mrs P Robson, Clerk

## **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Archibald, Mr McBain, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Rawcliffe.

## **2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mrs Barnes and seconded by Mrs Clark.

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

Mr Simpson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Barnes attended an information evening on 25<sup>th</sup> February at Lockerbie Primary. This was organised by the SPTC and was for the purpose of providing information on the running of a Parent Council. Those who attended said it was a very informative evening and subjects raised included Parent Council representatives on interview panels for teaching staff; pupil representation at Parent Council meetings and the rights of a Parent Council. The length of time for pupil transition from primary to secondary was also discussed. Copies of leaflets distributed on the evening are available from the school office.

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

Mr McBain had received an email from Mr Colin Grant requesting that he does not contact the Parent Councils at either Cummertrees or Carrutherstown Primaries. Instead he would prefer the Partner Head Teacher to work on developing appropriate links between schools. Mr McBain has discussed this with Councillor Sean Marshall who is willing to write to Mr Grant to establish a reasonable and achievable timeline for the partnership. He is also willing to attend, along with Councillor Ogilvie, any meeting the Parent Council may request.

Members discussed the above and noted that in previous emails from Mr Grant, he had in fact suggested forging links. It was suggested that Mr Grant should be contacted and asked why no contact should be made with the possible partner schools at this time. Also, could request confirmation of the cluster timeline, possibly 2 years left before implementation? Concern was also raised regarding Elmvale Primary and the possibility that their school roll had fallen and not in fact risen as was previously predicted.

## 5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Changes in roll from 33 to 35. Six pupils enrolled for next session.
- Good News – we are on the short list for an Education Award for our use of technology to promote learning. Mr Archibald nominated us and we have to attend a reception at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Archibald and Mrs Turnbull will attend with 3 pupils.
- Our pupils did really well at the cross country race on 18<sup>th</sup> March at Lochmaben Primary School.
- We have a student Miss Linwood working in P1-P4 class and another student will be working in P5-P7 class starting on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- P1-P4 class have been involved in a project about the history of Brydekirk and we hope to produce a film and a book about all the information we have found out about the village.
- Our parents evening will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- We hope to have sports day on 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our end of term service and goodbye to P7s will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.00 am.
- We have entered a team for the football festival to be held at Springfield Primary on 29<sup>th</sup> April. An after school netball club will be starting next week, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.  
The curriculum swimming programme will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> June for 12 sessions.
- Will be organising a trip this term and have thought about Beamish or the Transport Museum in Glasgow.
- The school has purchased 4 mini iPads but unfortunately these have not been connected to the school wifi system. Mr Archibald has been in correspondence with the Technical Department but to date they are not willing to connect these. He would like the Parent Council to write to this department requesting the connection. This was agreed and a letter would also go to Mr Alan Cameron.

6 **PFA REPORT** - Nothing to report.

## 7 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- Wall in playground – still awaiting a response from the clerk of works.
- Thank you to Mr Wilson for his work in the playground, much tidier.  
Awaiting delivery of planters and a numbered square.
- Still no hot water in class P5-P7 – Mrs Robson will report this problem once again. The possibility of installing a boiler under the sink was discussed.

## 8 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that Mrs Robson would email all members with three possible dates, ie 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June. Members should inform her of their preferred date.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.