

MINUTE OF MEETING OF BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 PM

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

Mr McBain telephoned in advance to say he was running late, Mr Simpson agreed to Chair the meeting until Mr McBain arrived.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Farrall and Mr Wilson.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 2nd October was approved as a true record. Proposed by Mr Rawcliffe and seconded by Mr Simpson.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nothing to report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

A Parental Involvement meeting had been organised and was held recently at Lockerbie Academy. No representative from Brydekirk Primary could attend as this was held on the same date as the PFA AGM.

5 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs Turnbull informed members that the school would be subject to an Inspection by HMI during week commencing 9th December. The team will consist of two inspectors, Mrs Robb and Mr Hogg. They will meet with staff, pupils, parents and members of the local community. They have also asked to meet with the Chair of the Parent Council. Questionnaires had been issued to staff, P4-P7 pupils and parents. Mrs Turnbull stated that the inspectors would concentrate on developments made in school, future plans and aims and look at the evidence provided. A list of recent achievements had been compiled and Mrs Turnbull hoped that, overall this would be a positive experience.

Carpet in Hall – the local Health and Safety representative has been to visit the school to inspect the carpet in the hall. She would be in touch regarding possible suppliers for a replacement.

School Rationale – a copy had been issued to all parents and the local Community Council.

Events – Burns Supper planned for 31st January; curling for P7s; another iCoffee Afternoon in December; possibility of the Library Bus visiting the school every 3 weeks. The P7 trip to Lockerbie Manor was a success and pupils enjoyed the recent rugby coaching and festival.

6 ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND CO-OPTED MEMBER(S)

Some members had made nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair in writing prior to this meeting. As both Mr McBain and Mr Simpson had been nominated for Chair they left the room and the remaining members discussed the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair. They unanimously agreed the following:-

Chair – Mr McBain
Vice Chair – Mr Simpson

The following co-opted members were agreed:-

Mr Archibald – proposed by Mr McBain and seconded by Mr Simpson
Mrs Barnes – proposed by Mr McBain and seconded by Mrs Clark.

The Committee now comprises 8 parent members and 2 co-opted members, thereby exceeding the limit of a maximum 9 members. The Constitution will have to be amended to reflect this and with the agreement of the Parent Forum.

7 CLUSTER WORKING REVIEW UPDATE

Members discussed recent findings of the opinions of parents. They discussed the possibility of partnering with a Lockerbie Cluster school and even changing the zoning. Mr McBain would like to contact Mr Grant with the preferred option before Christmas. Some parents are still concerned that clustering with Elmvale is still a possibility and would like some form of reassurance in writing from Mr Grant that this will not happen in the future.

The local Council is under a new administration, including a new Chair of the Education Committee. It was agreed to write to two local Councillors to ask their opinion on partnering with a Lockerbie cluster school. If they then thought this was a possibility, Mr McBain will write to the Chair of the Education Committee. Mr McBain will draft a letter and send it out to all Parent Council members in the first instance.

8 PFA REPORT

The PFA are organising a Burns Supper for 31st January to be held in the village hall. Hopefully tickets will be on sale before Christmas. Future events also include bag packing, carol singing and a rag bag collection.

9 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 6.30 pm in the school. Mr McBain would also like to hold an extraordinary meeting prior to this to discuss an update on the Cluster Working Review.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.