**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March at 7pm**

**at**

**Castle Douglas Primary School**

Chairperson, Jill Maciver welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were given from Mandy Brown.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved by Jennifer Oliver and Jill Maciver.

**Matters Arising**

**Google Groups –** Three of our parent members were to be added to the google group namely Paul Bekier, Gemma Blackburn and Demi Powell.

**Parent Council Newsletter –** Jill Maciver has produced a draft copy of the parent council newsletter and Gemma Blackburn has agreed to take a look at revamping the size and look before printing.

**School Dinners –** The school has carried out a satisfaction survey with pupils regarding their thoughts on school dinners. The biggest concern appeared to be a hygiene issue. Eileen Hope was going to speak to Susan our school cook to find out who we should speak to regarding the issues raised in the survey with the possibility of inviting them to the school to discuss possible solutions.

**Primary School Review –** One of our parents Demi Powell was present at the meeting which was attended by Ann Campbell from Dumfries and Galloway Council. The review will now be in May not November and the discussion will include cost savings for 3-18 year olds including nursery. There have been no further developments at present. Demi Powell will inform the parent council when she is contacted by the parent forum if more information is available regarding this issue.

**Bike to School Day**  - This year’s bike to school day will take place in May either the 7th, 14th or 28th. Eileen Hope is currently looking at completing the bike training for the current P6 class.

**Head Teachers Report**

Mr Tyson has raised a concern regarding the school capacity for the current intake of P1’s in August. It has been suggested that there may be three options to solve this problem which are either a portacabin, two teachers in one of the P1 classrooms therefore allowing more than 25 per class and finally the use of the music room as a classroom. Mr Tyson has raised a concern regarding the latter of these options as the room does not have any facilities. Therefore, the school has asked the parent council to write a letter to Colin Grant regarding this issue to ask him about the long term solution to this problem.

**Treasurers Report**

The balance at present is £442.05.

The parent council have agreed to contribute to the cost of the group text bill.

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**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th May 2015**