**BRAIBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS**

**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGM - Thursday 5th Novemenber 2015 held at Braidbar Primary School**

**Present:**

Gillian Hall (Chair) Cllr Jim Fletcher (ERC)

Gail Duff (Vice Chair) Helen Ward (Parent)

Kathleen McGuire (Head Teacher) Claire Ramsay (Parent)

Christine Carroll (Depute Head)

Andrew Howie (Acting Principal Teacher)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Vincent Waters (ERC) Lucy Gordon (Parent)

Elaine Van der Akker (Parent) Tricia McGregor (Parent)

Cllr Gordon Wallace (ERC) Nathalie Le Marrec (Parent)

Gillian Taft (Parent) Lauren Currie (Treasurer)

Jaclyn Andrews (Acting Principal Teacher)

Rhona Robb (Parent) Colin Beaton (Parent) Ammar Ashraf (Secretary)

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Corrections as detailed by KMcG

**3. Update from ERC**

No specific items affecting Braidbar School.

The cashless catering system is still causing some issues for parents and catering staff. ERC are looking to improve the system as soon as possible and welcome feedback via the survey recently sent via school.

**4. School Report**

The current school roll is 217 which is an increase of 4 pupils this term.

Nursery is at 70:70 with home visits taking place weekly.

Miss Hanie is now on maternity leave.

The school had a review this week specifically around Curriculum for Excellence and its overall impact.

Staff and pupils have been involved in the review for which the school received positive feedback.

Jaclyn Andrews has been nominated and shortlisted for a Bikeability Scotland award.

Dates for Diary

Parents Meetings 11th & 12th November

P5 Swimming 5th November – block 5 weeks

P4a assembly 6th November

P3 assembly 20th November

Nativity 10th December

Nursery Christmas Concert 11th December

School Outing (P1-P7) 16th December

**5. Treasurer Report**

So far this year PC has paid for:

P6 trip to Pollock House - £48

P3 trip to Tall Ship - £37.50

P5 swimming - £288

Christmas school outing - £2378 plus buses @ £600

£288 has also been paid for P6 swimming, however this has come out of the Parental Involvement Budget the PC receive from the council and not the main PC bank account.

£235.20 was collected at the Halloween disco which goes towards costs.

Funds raised from the Danceathon has paid for buses for the school outing. PC await the invoice for record purposes and have paid the remaining £1400 in to the bank account.

This means, PC have enough money for a float and expenses for the Christmas fayre, if it goes ahead.

**6. Chairperson report**

Some PC members met in advance of this meeting to discuss the risk of not having a Fundraising group.

The Christmas Fayre was discussed at length, and a basic format agreed. However this very much depends on attracting enough volunteers.

KMcG suggested changing the time of fayre, however the group agreed that most clubs were a morning and therefore the afternoon gave more opportunity for attendance.

GH asked if teachers would take part in a “guess the baby” photo competition and if they would volunteer to help out on the day.

GH also asked if the choir would perform.

KMcG to speak to all staff and get back to GH.

**7. AOCB**

The Health & Wellbeing committee have written to PC asking for a donation of £50 to further support the “Lets Cook” project in school.

They have also written to local supermarkets with positive responses and local businesses are supporting the project.

PC agreed to the request.

AH gave an update from the JRSO.

They have been in contact with Woodfarm High School media studies department, who have agreed to support the making of a short safety film.

They are currently producing a script and storyboard but may need parent helpers in the making of the film.

It was suggested that children have the opportunity to purchase a high-visibility vest or band, however suppliers to school are very expensive.

PC agreed to look at suppliers.

\*\* action list attached

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 14th January 2016 @ 7pm**