

## Minutes of Isobel Mair Parent Council

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

### Present: -

Graham Campbell -Chairperson  
Alvar Kenwell - Treasurer  
Mari Wallace - Head Teacher  
Sarah Clark - Depute Head Teacher  
Christine Sim - Secretary  
Alan Martin, Active Schools

### Parent Members

Lynn Stoll  
Margaret Murray  
Maria Brooks  
Joanne McAlpine  
Kirsty Clark  
Christine Butler  
Shona Cherry

### Apologies

Gael Gordon  
Marie Withers  
Sarah Black  
Angela Mason

### Chairperson's Report

Graham Campbell welcomed everybody to the Parent Council Meeting and invited Christine Butler to speak

Christine spoke about the possibility of a Badminton/Youth Club being started for the children and run by volunteers on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Obviously this would be dependent on how many were willing to volunteer. The consensus of opinion was that a Friday or Saturday evening may not be good for most people in terms of volunteers. Alan Martin, Active Schools, said that he would contact the Warriors and find out if they could support this idea.

Graeme Campbell suggested that perhaps a memo should go home to parents from the school to gauge support. Alan Martin said that he is keen to integrate the children with the High Schools. Alan will email a flyer to the school who will distribute accordingly. Graham Campbell thanked Alan for attending the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Alvar Kenwell reported that there has been no movement in the account since the start of the year. The balance on the account is sitting at £19,300. The Parent Council agreed that they would fund Brian Smith, Music Therapist from May to end of June and Alvar will send in a cheque for the agreed amount. Mari Wallace, HT asked the Parent Council what plans they had for spending the money raised. They have nothing specific at this time.

## Head Teacher's Report

Mari Wallace reported that everyone is very busy in the school at the moment. There is lots of outdoor learning going on. The big thing this term is the "Mela". The school classification was finalised this morning and has been sent to Head of Service, Mari Shaw. The school roll will virtually stay the same.

Reports will be sent out to parents on 5<sup>th</sup> June with Parent's Evening being held on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Ardentinny will not run this year due to refurbishment. In the future, other outdoor centres will be considered also, due to procurement issues. Two separate days will be run locally, on 14<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> June. Youngsters from High Schools will join the children. The first day will be held in the grounds of the school and the second day will be at a local recreational centre. The Leavers Ceremony will be 24<sup>th</sup> June and the Leavers Prom will be 25<sup>th</sup> June. HT advised that questionnaires will be sent out in the next week to all parents - "How well are we doing" which is for the School Improvement Plan.

Sarah Clark, DHT spoke about the pupils leaving Isobel Mair at the end of June. Most of the leavers have placements elsewhere but unfortunately both Resource Centres are full. College placements are becoming more difficult also. Margaret Murray suggested that as a Parent Council this should be taken on board and the parents should be consulted.

## Fundraiser's Report

Lynn Stoll asked Maria about the Band for the forthcoming Ceilidh. This is being held at GHA, Giffnock on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Lynn will email the school office with flyers to be distributed to all parents in the School and Family Centre.

## AOB

Joanne McAlpine said that she will be participating in a sponsored walk to raise funds.

The Parent Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm (This date has been put back to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm)