

Minutes of Isobel Mair Parent Council

Thursday 23rd January 2014

Present :-

Graham Campbell -Chairperson
Alvar Kenwell - Treasurer
Lynn Stoll - Fundraiser
Nick Crossan - Depute Head Teacher
Sarah Clark - Depute Head Teacher
Christine Sim - Secretary
Fiona Ford - Speech & Language Therapy

Parent Members

Paul Brooks
Marie Withers
Kirsty Clark
Joanne McAlpine
Angela Mason
Felicia Agudosy

Apologies

Mari Wallace, Head Teacher

Fiona Ford, Speech and Language Therapy

Fiona spoke about the delivery of Speech and Language Therapy in Isobel Mair and improving communication with parents. Jan McLeary, SLT is in school 2 days per week and Karen Boyes is being brought in to replace Karen McArdle. Laura Cumming, SLT Support Worker is also in the school to help support the children.

Fiona explained that although a child has been discharged from Speech and Language Therapy, it is very easy for the Therapy to be reinstated at any time and doesn't want parents to feel this is a negative and complicated process. A referral can be made by the Class Teacher and where appropriate, referral will be made.

Chairperson's Report

Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that sadly, Mari's mum had passed away. The Parent Council will pass on their condolences to Mari.

Graham advised that he has written to MSPs about an Additional Support Needs College for school leavers, but unfortunately has received no interest. Graham feels that Council could build a facility on a spare piece of ground within ERC. He is going to sit down with one of the Councillors and try to find out how to go about looking into this. Sarah Clark mentioned that there is now financial help going towards Barrhead Resource Centre.

Graham is hoping to speak to a Graphic Designer in order to design a leaflet explaining what the Parent Council do. This can be given to Parents in August to encourage them to join/support the Parent Council.

Treasurer's Report

Alvar has produced a report detailing the money the Parent Council have spent buying items for the school. This could perhaps be distributed to parents to encourage them to come to meetings and become involved in fundraising. The account is presently sitting at just over £14,000. A reserve should be kept for the Environmental Studies money and selection boxes, funded by the Parent Council each year. Graham suggested aiming to fundraise in August for a particular item the school may want.

Lynne Stoll thought of holding a Family Disco but felt this probably wouldn't raise the money required by the Parent Council. A Ladies Lunch/Evening might create interest among the parents. Lynne will put a note out to all parents asking for interest in this. Graham thought it would be a good idea to sell tickets for an event prior to holding it.

£1,610.50 was raised from the Christmas Fair. Thanks to Rachel McCarron's Mum who had a stall at the Fair and donated all the proceeds to the Parent Council.

Head Teacher's Report

In Mari's absence, Nick Crossan and Sarah Clark, Depute Head Teachers, gave a report :-

2 Human Rights visitors from Education Scotland will be given a tour of the school. The Choir and Reels on Wheels will give a performance. They will then talk to some of the children in school.

A GIRFEC Conference will be held on Friday, In service which the Staff and Parents are invited to.

"Rights Respecting Schools" - The Children will be marching around the school

"Arts Alive Project" with the Community Unity Schools will be held in the MOD on

Thanks to Scottish Power who donated £700 to the school. This was collected from their raffle.

Ardentinny is no longer part of the Council's tender process. This year, the children will go to Lochgoilhead, 13th-15th June. Those not going in the Senior School, will attend Castle Semple.

The Easter Service will be held on 1st April.