

Isobel Mair Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2013

Present: -

Graham Campbell - Chairperson
Lynn Stoll - Fundraiser
Gael Gordon - Vice Chairperson
Mari Wallace - Head Teacher
Sarah Clark - Depute Head
Julia Haugh Reid - PT
Martyn Hay - CDO
Christine Sim - Secretary
Alan Martin - ERC

Parent Members

Glen Cartwright
Asha Delpol
Humaira Naeem
Angela Mason
Paul Brooks
Jacqui McGougan
Teresa Dipaula
Joanne McAlpine
Mark Henderson
Kirsty Clark

Apologies

Alvar Kenwell
Margaret Murray
Sarah Black
Marie Withers

Chairperson's Report

Graham opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and introduced Alan Martin, Active Schools, ERC. Alan spoke about keeping children keen on sports and handed out a brochure, "Positive Coaching Scotland", to help parents support their children when participating in sport.

Treasurer's Report

In Alvar's absence, Graham gave the Treasurer's report. A donation was received from Mearns Community Council of £600 and a donation of £210 from a sponsored "Fast". The bank balance is sitting at £25,187.195.
Alvar had asked for a donation from Children in Need to pay for Brian, Music Therapist. Unfortunately, this has been rejected again, possibly, due to the school being council run. HT explained how Brian works and what the school pays for. Graham said the Parent Council would be unable to maintain the payments to Brian for the extra day each week but would pay him until end of term in June 2013.

Fundraisers Report

Lynne thanked everyone for helping with the Christmas Fair. Most of the stallholders said that they made money and they would return for the next Christmas Fair. A Ceilidh was suggested for sometime in May. Lynne will hold a meeting of a fundraising group on 19th February 2013 at 7pm in the school.

Head Teacher's Report

HT reported that the Nativity Play was "brilliant" and involved all of the pupils. HT thanked Martyn Hay, CDO for his involvement with this. Martyn Hay and Maria Antelmi are running a Drama Group in the school on a Tuesday at 3pm. At present, 29 children attend and voluntary support staff help out. There will be a whole school show in June 2013.

The Reels on Wheels team are going to Glasgow City Chambers to perform for the Holocaust Memorial Evening and will be performing in front of Nicola Sturgeon and possibly Alex Salmond.

Staffing changes - Ann McGookin will take over acting Principal Teacher for Susan Muir who is on maternity leave. Teacher, Claire McEwan is due to leave on maternity leave on 25th January 2013. Siobhan Buchanan will take this temporary post over. Teacher, Ger McGauley will be leaving Isobel Mair School for a Principal Teacher position. A temporary teacher will cover this up until June 2013. Parents will be advised when a new teacher is in place.

The Family Centre staffing is fairly settled. Jennifer Taylor, CDO is returning to the Glen Family Centre after a secondment period. A full time CDO position will be advertised.

HT advised that resources and communication aids were being purchased with money given to the school by John Wilson, Director of Education and Mhairi Shaw, Head of Education Service.

HT advised that she had a wish list for the Parent Council. A lot of emphasis has been put on outdoor education for the School and Family Centre. With this in mind the girls from the Family Centre and Ursula Scrimgeour, PT had put together a list for items required. HT read out the lists to the members of the Parent Council. The total cost is £10,001.49 plus delivery. Graham Campbell suggested the school write to Spyfox asking for a donation for some of the items and agreed that the Parent Council would pay the balance of the items amounting to £5,840.84. Graham will speak to Alvar Kenwell, Treasurer about sending a cheque for this amount.

AOB

Parent Council member, Sally McLachlan spoke about the Adult Services in Barrhead and Thornliebank and how there are very few places for the Isobel Mair School leavers this year. Sally asked if a meeting can be arranged for the parents sometime in the middle of February regarding this. Sarah Clark, DHT explained that this is the first year this uncertainty has happened with the leavers. A meeting will be arranged.

Date of next meeting : 7th May 2013