

Minutes of Isobel Mair Parent Council  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Present: -

Graham Campbell -Chairperson  
Lynn Stoll - Fundraiser  
Mari Wallace - Head Teacher  
Ursula Scrimgeour - PT  
Christine Sim - Secretary

Parent Members

Heather Robertson  
Marie Withers  
Kirsty Clark  
Angela Mason  
Margaret Murray  
Tunde Cockshot  
Christine Butler

Apologies

Alvar Kenwell  
Gael Gordon  
Joanne McAlpine  
Sarah Black

Chairperson's Report

Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting. Margaret spoke about the Fashion Show and the money Class Shetland were raising to potentially buy a Kiln. She suggested the Parent Council give a contribution to make the funds up to £1,000 to help them buy the Kiln. Graeme thought this would be a good idea, however, HT said there are health and safety issues around buying the Kiln. A Potter's Wheel may be a better option. This will be investigated and reported back to the Parent Council.

In Alvar's absence, Graeme reported that they have £14,073.61 in the bank. Adding an additional signature to the account has still to be done. The accounts are presently being audited and copies of the certificate will be passed to Christine in the school office once done.

HT's Report

HT reported that in the past there had been many positive and negative comments from parental questionnaires regarding the Speech and Language service in the school. However, these have now been addressed by the Service Manager and the improvements that have been put in place are very positive. When the parental questionnaires were received this year, only 1 parent mentioned the Speech and Language Service which HT was very pleased about.

The GIRFEC Conference was held recently on the Inset Day. This went very well with 180 people attending. Senior pupils in the school opened the Conference and talked about what GIRFEC meant to them. There were various workshops running including Inclusive Support, Transition Team and AAC. There was also a Marketplace with various stalls.

This year, "Dreams Come True" will be held in Lochgoilhead, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June. Sarah Clark, DHT, Lynn O'Brien, Instructor and Alison McGillivray, QIO visited the Centre and have undertaken a Risk Assessment. The Centre is quite different from Ardentinny with regard to activities and sleeping accommodation but Mari feels sure the children attending will enjoy it.

This is a very busy Term in school with Sports Day, "Fame" Show at Eastwood Theatre, Grow Cook and Eat Lunch and the Mela, which this year is on the Commonwealth Games theme. This year it is hoped the weather will be good in order to hold the Mela outdoors which will tie in with the theme.

The school is having an HMI inspection week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Questionnaires have been issued to parents and Mari hopes to have positive feedback. Feedback will be given to the Senior Management Team by the Inspectors on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

The transition of the senior pupils to Woodfarm High is going well. Director of Education, Mhairi Shaw, John Fitzpatrick, Acting Head of Service and HT met with parents of the youngsters going to Woodfarm in August. HT said the accommodation is lovely and the staff have been very welcoming. In view of the seniors moving to Woodfarm, a new tie has been designed for them to wear and the braiding on the blazers will be changed accordingly.

Man's World will be in school to sell uniform to new and existing parents at Coffee and Chat on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10am to 12noon.

Flyers will be sent home to parents in due course asking for their help to tidy up the Sensory Garden ie. Weeding.

The school roll will be increasing to 120 in August which will make the school more or less full.

Ursula Scrimgeour, PT explained "Rights Respecting Schools". She has a duty to talk to the Parent Council about his. This is taking place in numerous schools around the Country including East Renfrewshire schools. However, there aren't

a lot of Special Schools participating. Isobel Mair School have decided to be a "Rights Respecting School". The staff are working hard to "Isobel Mairise It" Ursula gave parents a hand out to read with details of what's required. A Peace March was held recently and every child in the school was involved. We are hoping to get the recognition of commitment by Summer. The Parent Council agreed this was a great idea.

Lynn Stoll - Fundraiser

Lynn drew the raffle for the "Kylie Tickets". These were won by Bridie McLean - Rebecca Withers' (Class Sanda) Aunt. £230 was raised and the Parent Council want to say a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

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The Parent Council AGM will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm