

## Coltness High School Parent Council AGM

29/09/15

**Welcome** Dr Macfarlane welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Present** Dr Macfarlane, Ms Strachan, Mr Waddell, Mr Hughes, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Walker, Mr Farr, Mr McGilp, Cllr Taggart, Mrs Hendry & Paul Carty, Rev. Murdoch.

**Apologies** Cllr McKendrick.

**Approval of minutes (25/08/15)** Ms Strachan, Mrs Taylor.

**Treasurer's Report** As per attached.

### **Chairperson's report**

- All the meetings have been well attended and many have involved some lively debate.
- The Parent Council have fully supported the Hall of fame.
- The PTA helped with teas at all events.
- The Parent Council supported the anti-sectarianism trip to Ireland and the Polar Explorers.
- We have discussed and supported the future Denmark exchange trip and visit.
- We have pushed for and funded the speed bumps at the school gate through the PTA.
- Two of our members were involved in the selection of our new Deputy Head Teacher and we got to welcome Mr Farr to the school.
- We didn't get to see the cycle track finished, but hopefully we will see it finished in the coming year.

### **Head Teacher's Report**

- Cycle Track – the last correspondence was with the Wishaw Mountain Bike group, who were having a meeting tonight to try and iron out any remaining issues.
- One live job advert for language with ten applicants, however the school is in competition with 3 other schools for the applicants.
- School has just advertised for three posts – Art (photography), Technical and English.
- School Roll – currently at 835 compared to 780 at the same time last year, current predictions could see the school roll grow to 900 within the next two years.

## **Elections**

Linda Strachan was elected Chairperson.

David Waddell was elected vice Chairperson.

Donna Mitchell was elected Treasurer.

Robin Hughes was elected Secretary.

**Correspondence** There was no correspondence this month.

## **Matter's arising from previous minutes**

- Mr McGilp informed the council that the Danish funding had fallen through. He felt it was perhaps better to postpone the trip for a year because of the lack of funding and the high number of school trips arranged for the coming year etc. New York, France and Ireland.

## **Sub committees**

The PTA have arranged a race night in the school for Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. On the night the guests will be asked to "bring their own bottle". Mr McGilp agreed to advertise the race night on the school website, School Twitter and hopefully in the Wishaw Press.

The PTA are also holding a Christmas Fayre in the school on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00 till 9.00 p.m.

## **AOCB**

Mr McGilp advised the council that HMIE would be visiting the school on week beginning Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November to carry out a follow up inspection.

Mr Hughes asked if the inter-house swimming gala was going to take place this year, Mr McGilp replied the school was struggling to get enough pupils interested in taking part.

Mr McGilp thanked Dr McFarlane on behalf of all the Parent Council for all her hard work over the years she has been a member of the parent council.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 27<sup>st</sup> of October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.