

Coltness High School Parent Council

24/02/15

Present Mrs Mitchell, Mr Waddell, Mr Hughes, Mrs Taylor, Cllr John Taggart, Mrs Walker, Mr McGilp, Dr Macfarlane, Mrs Hendry.

Apologies Ms Strachan, Mr Farr, Rev. Murdoch, Cllr Mckendrick.

Approval of minutes Mrs Walker, Mrs Taylor

Head Teacher's Report

The school had carried out a number of staff interviews over the past week for positions in P.E, H.E. and Physics. No final decisions had been taken, but Mr McGilp was hoping to have good news for the next meeting.

The advert for French teachers is currently still open, but closes next week.

The five Polar Explorers leave on Friday for 13 days; there will be an article on STV news at 6.00 pm on Friday 3/4/15.

The signed portrait of the former Rangers football player Fernando Ricksen painted by S5 pupil Lindsey Struthers raised £500 at auction in aid of ALS (motor neurone disease). Cllr Taggart made the winning bid.

Holly Stewart has started on portrait of a Lisbon Lion for a similar auction for next year.

Exams start on Monday the 27th of April.

Mr McGilp decided to lock the main school gate at lunchtime after receiving complaints from members of the local community about pupils dropping litter on their way back into school. This gave Mr McGilp the opportunity to talk to the pupils at the gate before they went for lunch. The situation has improved but will continue to be monitored in the coming weeks.

Talks are still ongoing in regard to an exchange visit with pupils from schools in Germany and Denmark. It is hoped a local church will provide overnight accommodation for the visitors and the first guests will arrive from Germany around the 24th of October this year.

Matters Arising

Cllr Taggart advised that the council was unable to install speed bumps at the school gate. Cllr Taggart agreed to ask North Lanarkshire Leisure to install the bumps as most of the complaints about speeding related to cars coming and going from the evening lets.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 28th April at 7.30 pm.