

Coltness High School Parent Council

29/10/13

Present Mrs Macfarlane, Mrs Higgins, Ms Strachan, Cllr McKendrick, Cllr Taggart,
Mr Waddell, Mr Hughes and Mrs Wilson.

Apologies Dr Anderson, Mrs Hendry, Rev Murdock, Mrs Taylor

Approval of minutes (24/9/13) Ms Strachan, Mr Waddell

Correspondence

Mrs Macfarlane introduced a digital parenting link produced by Vodaphone. This addresses online security and offers suggestions on how to set digital boundaries for children.

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/Blog/Blog-Post/?reference=566>

Mrs Wilson handed out a leaflet "Great learning in Scotland", all the children were given a copy earlier in the week. S4 SQA parents' meeting Monday 4th November.

Matter's arising from previous minutes

Closing date for community grant is 18th November, the Senior's team building weekend was suggested as a good justification for the grant.

Snagging of the building is still on-going, but nearing completion. Money has been withheld from Graham Construction until the snagging is complete.

Start time of after school lets has still to be confirmed. The lets should start at 6.00 pm, however some still starting at 5.00 pm. There was an incident last week when a padlock was burst by a 5.00 pm let to gain access to pitch.

School has to submit an energy policy, however the school is paying for the cost of the flood lights for the after school lets. The community learning team also has 4 rooms in the school and use these rooms out with normal term time. The parent council feel the cost of the flood

lights should be built into the lets and not funded by the school energy budget.

Sub committees

The PTA currently has £3162.04 in the bank, they raised £408.47 at the school show and spent £816 buying new bins for the school social areas.

The PTA Christmas Fare is on Tuesday the 3rd of December at 7.00 pm, the entrance fee is £1.00 including tea and coffee.

Young Scot Cards

The parents of children in 6 schools in North Lanarkshire currently have the ability to charge the cards on-line to pay for school dinners. The school intend to try and set this up for Coltness High. This would give parents greater control of where their children were eating at lunchtime.

Head Teachers Report

Please see attached sheet.

Some concern was expressed on the issues around recruitment due to North Lanarkshire's policy of ring fencing posts.

The school is still pushing to advertise the P.E. role, there is a real risk of losing the current pool teacher (Miss Lynch) who has been in the role for 4 years to another local authority.

Remembrance Day assemblies are next week.

Date of next meeting 27th November at 7.30 pm.

