

## Chairpersons Report

### Slide – welcome

First of all I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone and quickly go over a few safety requirements. There are no fire drills planned for this evening so in the event of the alarm sounded. The emergency exit is located at the back of the hall. The secondary exit is out this door to our right. The fire wardens on duty tonight are Mrs Di Nardo, Mrs McPhee and Mrs Scroggie our janitor and they will take over in the event of an emergency. Please also check you have signed our register on your way in and sign out again when leaving the hall. Before we begin I will make a few introductions and then we will have a look at tonight's agenda.

### Slide - agenda

Kate – over to you do we have any apologies?

Previous minutes have they been approved?

My Report for the session 2014/2015 will give you a brief overview of what we do within the Parent Council and a summary of the years events.

We have a very strong team within this Parent Council and although we have a formal format we like to keep the meetings relaxed and welcoming. Our team has been able to build on the success of the previous Parent Council and many members have remained to provide stability and consistency

which I know many parents council lack. With this in mind we have been and will continue this coming session to future proof our Parent Council. We will do this by providing supporting documents and robust policies and procedures. We hope to provide advice and support to future members.

Our Parent council meet approx. 6 to 8 times a year and support the school in all aspects of your child's primary education. Leaflets are available explaining more about parent councils in the handouts we have provided.

**slide why join? –**

So why join a Parent Council

**read 2 pages ethos**

During the session 2014/2015

We began the session with a delayed AGM in October and our elections took place. The delay of the AGM was due to the calling of an Extraordinary meeting with a representative of NLC to discuss the shared headship with Chapelgreen Primary. The Parent Council met fully supported Mrs Di Nardo and her management team and the shared headship was successful for both schools. This arrangement has now come to an end.

We hold many events throughout the school year and here is just a quick look at last sessions events. Catriona will provide more detailed information of the events in her Treasurer's Report.

Our first event of our session was the Halloween Discos. The children and some of the parent helpers dress up in their Halloween outfits. Due to the number of pupils at the school we split the discos into two nights usually a Tuesday and Wednesday and we also have the younger childrens discos earlier in the evening. Our school is a health promoting school and the Parent Council wish to support this by providing plain and flavoured water instead of fizzy drinks and limiting the amount of very sugary snacks.

The next event was the Christmas disco, this follow a similar format only this time the children wear party clothes and it is much easier to see who is who because we don't have 8 spidermen and half a dozen elisas to look after.

## Slides

During the spring of last session many members of the Parent Council took part in training events organised by NLC in conjunction with SPTC (The Scottish Parent Teacher Council).

These session were really helpful ad gave us an opportunity to meet with other Parent Council members at other schools in our authority to share ideas and resources. The chairpersons of Parent Councils are also invited along to Parent Consultative Meetings to represent their Parent Council. Some members have been able to go along to the National Parent Conferences held by The National Parent Forum of Scotland and these events are open to every parent

in North Lanarkshire and are very informative and interesting. Details of the next National Event is in your handouts.

Our final discos are at easter. We usually play games and have egg and spoon races , we are always open to new ideas and are looking at possibly other events to ring the changes from the disco from time to time.

During June we had our very successful Summer Fete. This was an amazing event organised by our Fabulous Fundraising Committee headed up by Catriona McLaughlin. It was a real team effort and a huge success. Catriona will I am sure share more information with you in her report. Here are a few photos.

### **Last slide is the slide**

Our very last event of the year is the P7 ceilidh. The Parent Council fund this event and provide the P7 with a buffet and fun night of ceilidh dancing. This is an opportunity to socialise with each other and a chance to say goodbye to the staff. The Parent Council do not attend this event. In the very last days of terms the P7s have their leaving assembly and the Parent Council provide them with a leaving gift.

So...

My report is coming to an end. How do you contact us – All our minutes are available in the parent council section of the school website.

