

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting -31.1.24

Persons Present: June, Manyla, Bronagh, Glen, Linzi, Shona, Scott, Michelle, Marion

Apologies: Louise, Ashley, Laura, Lizzie

1. Minutes of last meeting were approved and correct with matters arising as follows.

June welcomed everyone to the meeting. June told the Parent Council that an amount of £775.50 had been raised at the Christmas Fayre.

This was a lovely event which was well attended and was a great atmosphere. At future events Primary 7 will take on a Kids Tombola and the Parent Council will do an Adult Tombola.

A vacancy has arisen for the position of a Secretary for the Parent Council has arisen. A letter would be sent out asking if anyone was willing to fill this position.

It was suggested that at the Primary 1 transition maybe someone from the Parent Council could talk about what they do as a Council.

- 2. Correspondence: None
- 3. School Update: Catherine Anne Mackay has returned to the role of Acting Principal and we have Ross Cheyne, a Support Teacher taking classes for French and Support Groups.

Michelle Brown looks after Infant Department and Catherine Anne Mackay looks after the Senior Department whilst Scott Smith looks after Primary 7 and everything else.

Due to a restructuring within North Lanarkshire we will only have 1 Head Teacher and 1 Principal Teacher at the start of August 2024 term.

The World of Work week will be taking place with lots on offer for the children including Meta Skills and Tree of Knowledge. We have 18 stalls on the Friday with various occupations coming in and also some of the children will be going off to Sky Academy and a group visiting the Church.

Read, Write and Count has been pushed back to coincide with the Book Fair in March.

At the moment we are sitting with a Primary 1 intake of 34.

Traffic is still an issue which we hope to address with the Councilors.

Parents night will be held on the last Wednesday before the Easter hoped that a Book Fair could be held on that night.

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On 20th and 21st March, the children will be hosting a Spring Concert. The 20th of March Concert will be held in the afternoon and the 21st March Concert will be held in the evening. It was thought that perhaps the Parent Council could be on hand at these performances to sell Programmes and possibly have a raffle. After a discussion it was decided that they would have a Rainbow Raffle and also a tuck shop at both concerts. Manyla will give us a flyer for the Rainbow Raffle.

Other fundraising events were discussed – Easter Bunny Hunt, Disco in May and also the Book Fair at the Parents night would sell 2nd handbooks. A Child and Adult Tombola would also take place on Parents night. No Spring Fayre would take place this year.

Glen offered the services of one of his workmates to dress up the rainbow raffle prizes.

Over £2000 was sitting in the Parent Council Funds and Scott asked if some of this money could be used to help fund the summer trips. With the money from the Parent Council along with money from other organisations it would reduce the price of the trip considerably. Michelle asked if the Parent Council would be willing to donate £258 to enable the school to purchase Kappla from Amazon. The Parent Council agreed to give the school £1258 [£1000 to help with school trips and £258 for Kappla].

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19.50pm with the next meeting taking placed on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 at 6.30pm.