

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting - 6.3.24

Persons Present - Councillor McKendrick, June, Bronagh, Glenn, Laura, Louise, Michelle, Scott, Ashley, Catherine Anne, Ashleigh, Marion

Apologies - Shona, Lizzy, Manyla

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

June welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that thoughts be given to the vacant post of secretary.

2. Correspondence - None
3. School Report - Scott read out the school report and advised the Parent Council a Newsletter would be sent out tonight. He advised the Parent Council that the School Improvement Plan hopes that attainment would be raised in literacy, numeracy and handwriting and a sizeable number of children are being given support in these various subjects. School staffing is still uncertain for the new term in August.
4. AOCB - The World of Work week took place and was a resounding success.

The Pupil Council met and discussed behaviour in the playground. They thought Hi Viz Vests could be worn by certain children in the playground and were also discussing being mannerly in school.

Parents evening would take place on 27th March 2024. Various stall would be set up in the building that night with one being Tackling Poverty.

The school concert being held on 21st and 22nd March will be 'Music thru the Decades'. A Rainbow Raffle will held at the concert. Quite a number of raffle prizes have already been handed in. Volunteers are required for selling the raffle tickets. Ashley will hand in raffle tickets, and these will be sold from the week before the concert and the prizes will be drawn the day after the concerts. Glenn has arranged with one of his work colleagues to take the prizes and beautify these. Our thanks from the Council for this kind gesture.

The school have also arranged a raffle and the draw for this will take place on 15th March 2024.

As this is happening near to the Parents Evening it was suggested that no tombola be available on parents' night but a 2nd hand book stall would be.

It was also thought that it may be possible for the Parent Council to run a Summer Disco.

Easter Eggs would be given out to all children on the last day before the Easter holiday.

Scott mentioned to the Parent Council that the children's School Trip this year would be to Blair Drummond Safari Park. The cost of this would be £12.50 per head and £7.50 per child. At this point the cost of the buses is unknown. The Parent Council have arranged to subsidise the trip by gifting £1000 from the Parent Council fund. Scott also said that the children would be allowed approx. 2 months to pay up the trip.

Parents are required as helpers for various trips running in the school and after school.

Councillor McKendrick was asked if anything could be done regarding the traffic in and out of the Community Hub, with special thought being given to vehicles parking inappropriately. Councillor McKendrick advised the Council that within a couple of months he would have a survey of the roads surrounding the school. Work is in progress at the moment as on looking round it was decided that one of the crossings is in the wrong place and will require to be moved. Possibly mentioning the parking to the Police might be something that could be thought about. Councillor McKendrick will be receiving a report from Brian Rae regarding the roads.

Councillor McKendrick enquired about the number of Primary One intake in August 2024.

A 3-day residential trip to Millport for the Primary 7's was very quickly discussed. This would happen next year, and further details would follow regarding this.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.50pm with the next meeting taking place on Wednesday, 1st May 2024 at 6.30pm.

