

OVERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held in Overtown Primary School on 2nd September 2015

<u>Present:</u>	Jacqueline Smith	Jan Devanny	Denise Brock
	Helen McPherson	Lisa Gardner	Rhona Campbell
	Jenny MacLeod	Yvonne Taylor	Janice Purcell
	Lauren Anthony	Lesley Brownlie	

Lorna James - Acting Head Teacher

WELCOME

Jacqueline Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Lesley Mitchell, Denise Farrell

Susan Austin and Gillian Leggett have both now left the Parent Council as their children have moved on to Clyde Valley High School. Jacqueline advised that as this was the AGM it should be decided who would take on each position within the Parent Council. Jacqueline also outlined how the Parent Council works alongside the school and co-ordinates various fundraising events throughout the year and that last year the Parent Council raised over £4000 for the school. Money was spent on picnic benches for outdoor learning and Mrs James has indicated that the school could use money towards maths resources. She also explained about a company called Jumping Clay who come out to school with workshops and materials. This year the Parent Council are hoping to raise money to help with the cost of transport and also having a big event for the school closing next May. Jacqueline spoke about the Fun Day which was held in June and reported that it had been a huge success. Even though it wasn't supposed to be a fundraising event they made approximately £700.

There are 3 discos in the year - Halloween, Easter and leavers end of term. Dates have been booked and Jan will make arrangements for the DJ. Positions in the council were discussed and went as follows:-

Chair - Jacqueline Smith (Lesley Brownlie nominated, Denise Brock seconded)

Vice Chair - Lisa Gardner (Jan Devanny nominated, Jacqueline Smith seconded)

Treasurer - Denise Brock (Jacqueline Smith nominated, Jenny MacLeod seconded)

Fundraising Co-ordinator - Yvonne Taylor (Jacqueline Smith nominated, Jan Devanny seconded)

Grants Co-ordinator - Denise Farrell (Denise Brock nominated, Jacqueline Smith seconded)

Discussion took place that signatories will need to be changed with the new Vice Chair being elected.

FINANCE

Denise advised that they have a very healthy bank balance of £2572.00.

HEAD TEACHER REPORT

Lorna explained that the school still do not know who is covering for Louise Davidson's Maternity leave. Miss Jandy has been seconded from Bi-lingual services short term. North Lanarkshire Council are currently advertising 40 permanent posts and 20 supply posts. Overtown has been advertised for 1 full time member of staff. The posts have also been advertised out with the authority. Jacqueline mentioned that David Craig had said posts would not be advertised.

Lorna discussed with Parent Council that she is currently updating the school blog which will replace the school website. Information will be posted on the blog as schools are now being charged for text messages.

There is a meeting every four weeks regarding the New Campus. Entry for the Primary school is still expected to be May 2016. High School are still on schedule to move Dec. Personnel will be coming out to the school to talk to staff regarding posts and re-deployment. Parents asked Lorna what would happen when the school moved. Would it be over a weekend and would there still be access to Overtown Primary for a few days for equipment being moved. Lorna advised that once we have the keys we will be moving and the Authority have to apply to Scottish Government for an extra 2 days crossover between schools. CIO's will check nothing is left with names etc for data protection and there will be security present for transferring confidential documents. Lorna explained that she has been answering children's questions regarding the move at Citizenship assemblies. Consultation will still have to take place regarding school name, uniform etc. Parents said they would like full uniform and perhaps money could be used to buy the whole school a tie when it closes. Parents asked if it would be possible to take the school bell or if the school had a date stone to the new campus as a keepsake. Lisa Gardner asked if Morrisons are doing anything for the Community due to the disruption of the new school being built. Lorna advised that Primary 1's have settled well into school life and that buddies will now be pulled back to let them become more independent.

Jacqueline explained that David Craig had not replied to any questions that the Parent Council have asked and would it be advisable to go straight to Andrew Sutherland or Isabelle Boyd. Lorna advised she could not comment on this.

Jacqueline asked about Overtown and Castlehill Parent Councils coming together for meetings. Lorna told Parent Council that Philip McGhee has taken over this responsibility but has not been in touch so far. Lorna will email Philip to ask about the way forward with joint Parent Council. It was discussed that it might be an idea to invite C.P.S Parent Council for a cup of tea or to one of the next meetings.

FUNDRAISING

Discussion took place regarding fundraising and it was agreed to have a Christmas Fayre as it had been successful last year. Money raised will be spent on the children when the school closes ie Commemorative medal. Fun Day will take the same format as in June. Jacqueline asked Yvonne Taylor about bagpacking - nothing has been booked. Lauren Anthony agreed to hand a letter into Morrisons to see if they could get a date. It was discussed that more helpers are needed for bagpacking not just adults but children should also be involved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lesley Brownlie asked children bringing bikes and scooters to school. Lorna explained that there had been some issues regarding safety for pedestrians. JRSO's are going to put questionnaires out to consult possible solutions. Lorna said that there may need to be a compromise of only using bikes and scooters one/two days a week. Jenny MacLeod suggested that P4 & P5 could have a day and P6 & P7 another day.

Lisa Gardner mentioned that some Parents were parking on the road and not using the bowling club car park. This is a safety issue for children. Lorna said she would mention it in the school blog.

Lesley Brownlie brought up children changing for PE. Can the girls and boys get changed somewhere separately? Lorna said they could but the children would not be supervised due to the shortage of staff. Discussion took place that it may be a good idea to have a PE uniform in the new school (polo shirt etc).

Parents told Lorna that children had said outdoor learning was awesome.

Jan has started the yearbook for the school closing next year, don't know what will happen once the new school is open.

Lorna said that there would be an Art Exhibition/Exhibition of old documents and log books before the school closes.

Mrs McPherson asked about coloured lunch bands and asked how much the bands are worth. Children seem to be confused what they are allowed to eat and drink with each band? Mrs James said she would check with Mrs Tannahill in the kitchen. It has now been decided to have Primary one Parents for Lunch on Wednesday 16th September to explain the band system. This was not possible before the end of term due to lack of time and change over of Head Teacher.

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AGENDA

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| 1 | Welcome | 2 | Sederunt |
| 3 | Finance | 4 | Head Teacher Report |
| 5 | New School | 6 | Fun Day |
| 7 | Any Other Business | 8 | Date and Time of Next Meeting |