OVERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Overtown Primary School on 3rd November 2015

Present: Jacqueline Smith Lesley Brownlie Helen McPherson

Rhona Campbell Lauren Anthony Yvonne Taylor
Denise Farrell Lesley Mitchell Jenny MacLeod

Janice Purcell

Lorna James - Acting Head Teacher

WELCOME

Jacqueline Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Denise Brock, Jan Devanny

FINANCE

As Denise Brock could not attend the meeting there was no report but there has been little change since the last meeting.

NEW SCHOOL

Discussion took place regarding proposal meeting for the Parent Council at Clyde Valley High School on Wednesday 4th November. Meeting time had been changed from 7.30pm to 7.00pm. Each school has a designated time for the meeting but it was felt that both Castlehill and Overtown would have benefitted from attending together. First super campus for North Lanarkshire - priority? Two schools are now an amalgamation not 60/40 rule therefore different changes. Jacqueline asked if there were any questions the parents wanted asked at the meeting. It was thought the meeting would be more an information session and not a question/answer night. Parent suggested that Wednesday meeting should be minuted. Discussion took place re Parent Council consulting parent body and they will also need to be made aware of the proposal. It was agreed a letter would be sent out to all parents after the meeting on Wednesday with the relevant information.

PARENT COUNCIL

Still no joint Parent Council meeting taken place - will try to push for a joint meeting soon. Jacqueline discussed she was not aware of all members of Parent Council. Should there be guidelines of how long your name is on the list if you are not an active member. Members agreed that the list should be updated at the AGM each year. Discussion took place re Parent Council consulting parent body and they will also need to be made

aware of the proposal. Members asked if the minutes could be put on the school blog as not everyone has access to First Class. All parents agreed they are missing text messages as the school has cut down as they are being charged for this service.

CHRISTMAS

Grant of £500 has been applied for which will be used for crafts and items for the turning on of the Overtown Christmas lights. Parent Council will have two tables - make a craft stall and splat the Christmas Pud. Looking for Parent Helpers. Crafts to be made for Christmas Fayre will take place in Jacqueline's house. Discussion took place re items to be sold in the Grotto and themes for Christmas Hampers. Members suggested that they could give each child a selection box as it would be Overtown Primary's last Christmas.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Suggestion of a Ceilidh night at Alona Hotel for closing event for Overtown Primary. Letter of proposal will go out to Parents at a later date.

Tea was held in the support base as it was Mrs James last meeting before taking up her new post in Milton Primary School.

Tuesday 1 st December		

CHAIR	 DATE

AGENDA

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