

# Newark Primary Parent Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012

### Attendees:

Jason McNicol  
George Steele  
Gillian Rodgers  
Sarah Neilson  
Isla Cen-Black  
Gillian Hart  
Cllr James McColgan  
Cllr Stephen McCabe  
Fraser Donaldson

Ian Stewart  
Cllr David Wilson  
Mrs Leicester  
Joan Diamond  
Donna Hendry  
Alan Redpath

### Apologies:

Eleanor Semple  
Faith Dunnachie  
Caroline Baxter  
Claire Henderson  
Lynn Allison  
Jennifer Kennedy  
Jim McLeod  
Laura McClure  
Angela Crichton

Kate Barclay  
Mrs McNeill

### **Welcome**

- Alan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **Apologies**

- Apologies received as per above.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising**

- There were no comments or amendments to the previous minutes. No matters arising.

### **Correspondence**

- The notice board has all the future meeting dates.
- Family learning week 23<sup>rd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September, various activities going on e.g. Waste / Recycling.

- Phone Bank – Recycle old phones and the proceeds going towards school funds. Alan will look into this and it was suggested January would be a good time for this.
- On the 31<sup>st</sup> August the Greenock Telegraph reported the fact that new barriers were put up at the roundabout to encourage drivers not to park there as there were safety concerns highlighted by our parent council.
- A letter was sent to Albert Henderson by Janet, Alan and Gillian on behalf of the parent council to request another principal teacher, Alan will send out a copy of this letter.

### **Review of member feedback and setting of priorities for the year ahead**

Alan will send out a copy of this to all parent council.

### **Head Teacher Report**

- Alan Graham has permanent post at St. Josephs
- Marions post advertised (office)
- 15 hr classroom assistant advertised
- Councillors visit went well, great feedback
- Over 200 pupils took part in last years lunchtime clubs
- Canteen working well (fingers crossed) - extra tables giving 24 extra seats
- Servery in canteen being looked at during October week
- Curriculum for Excellence newsletter
- Cluster meeting – 3 year plan
- Harvest assembly – 5<sup>th</sup> October
- McMillan Nurse coffee morning p6a and p7a 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Various up and coming events – book fayre, walk to school week, Commonwealth games school relay
- Learning week 23<sup>rd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> September

### **Fundraising**

Bank statement is sitting at £4600 at present, Janet asked for 75 pence per pupil for this years Christmas parties but the parent council felt we should raise that to £1 per pupil.

The following dates were decided for upcoming events:

November – Tartan party 28<sup>th</sup>  
December – Bingo night 7<sup>th</sup>  
January - Beetle drive 30<sup>th</sup>  
February - Spring disco 27<sup>th</sup>  
March - 50/50 draw and possible bag pack  
April - suggestions sought  
May - car boot sale  
June - disco

Candle party but no date has been decided yet although all of the above events are subject to change.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

### **A.O.B.**

**School photographs** – some parents felt that they were poor quality this year so parent council will write a letter to Tempest about this.

**Notification of upcoming events** – Janet will try and give as much notice as possible although sometimes it is outwith her control.

**School Dinner Menu** - This is now on notice board and school website.

**Chairs meeting** - Alan and Gillian attended this meeting some of the points that came from this meeting were :

**Albert Henderson** spoke about budget for 2013 – 2016 in which they have to make savings of £8.5million 2013/2014 and £7 million 2015/2016, to aid this they will be looking at :

School rolls falling therefore less teachers needed.

Transport – bus routes / ASN etc.

Reduction in school admin.

Amalgamating schools reduces teachers.

**Wilma Baine** then spoke about Curriculum for Excellence although it was mainly about secondary schools who will get an additional 2 in-service days.

**MSP Mike Russell** cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning then answered questions that were put to him.

