

# Newark Primary Parent Council



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

## **Attendees:**

Donna Hendry  
Alan Redpath  
Faith Dunnachie  
Sarah Neilson  
Heather Wolfenden  
Eleanor Semple  
Kate Barclay  
Gillian Rodgers

Ian Stewart  
Cllr David Wilson  
Mrs Leicester  
Christine McNeill  
Cllr James McColgan

## **Apologies:**

Joan Diamond  
George Steele  
Cllr Jim McLeod  
Gillian Hart  
Isla Cen-Black  
Fraser Donaldson  
Lynn Allison  
Angela Crichton

Jennifer Kennedy

## **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**

- Paul McGivern from active schools will attend the next meeting and Sheena Beaton will attend the January meeting – if we have any questions to ask could we please let Alan know before the next meeting.
- Alan received various e-mails about parent council courses these were sent out prior to meeting.

- Alan and Joan met with Smiths... they are wanting to go down made to order route, they informed Smiths that when the Parent Council did a uniform survey they were getting more business than Baru.
  
- Alan will send out the reply from Albert Henderson concerning another Principle Head.

### **The New School Handbook**

The new school handbook is to be revised so Janet asked if we could split into 5 groups and give our thoughts on the following subjects –

1. Opportunities to become involved
  
2. Communication with Parents
  
3. Taking account of Parents views – Evaluate school performance
  
4. Ethos of the school, Role in the community – Partnerships
  
5. Pupil newsletters – How often? What in it? Retrospective or looking ahead.

We then had a look at last years handbook and commented on what was good? And what needs changed?

### **Fundraising**

Bank statement is sitting at £3600 at present although the balance has still to be paid for school pantomime.

The next event is the bingo night on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we need as many helpers as possible - help is also needed on the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> November to get bingo books ready.

Candle Party will be on 5<sup>th</sup> December

Janet asked for £140 pounds to cover the cost of Halloween Party prizes this was agreed. It was also agreed that fundraising will pay £345 for Play For A Day for Primary 5.

We asked at the last meeting if we could get some fundraising suggestions from the kids and they were as follows :

Pyjama day  
Run a mile around the school  
Bad hair day  
Go as you please each month.

### **Head Teachers Report**

Next stage of reading books have been purchased

2 free science shows - Fizz Bang Boom for Primary 7 and technologies for Primary 6

Hopscotch Theatre Group – 40 minute show for Primary 1 and 2

McMillan Cancer Coffee morning raised £900

### **Communications**

The Greenock Telegraph will be in the school to photograph pupils for Children In Need.

Let Alan know if you have any items for the newsletter by next month.

Alan has set up a new Email address – Newarkparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

### **Concerns and Action Tracker**

Lunches are going to time although Primary 3 have not been on the rota and this will be tried out.

Alan is still trying to find a solution to the men from BAE parking in the park and stride carpark.

Lunch cards have now been ordered for Primaries 2 and 3.

Carpark ownership still ongoing and also who will grit during winter.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30 pm with Paul from Active Schools attending.

**A.O.B.**

New Sexual Health package to be rolled out in Inverclyde Schools.

Janet will send out dates for Pupil Committees as some parents on the council would like to attend these.