

# Newark Primary Parent Council



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013**

**Attendees:**

Donna Hendry  
Alan Redpath  
Joan Diamond  
Caroline Baxter  
Kate Barclay  
Gillian Hart  
Jason McNicol  
Heather Wolfenden

Ian Stewart  
Cllr David Wilson  
Mrs Leicester  
Fraser Donaldson  
Christine McNeill  
Sarah Neilson  
Eleanor Semple

**Apologies:**

Gillian Rodger  
George Steele  
Cllr Jim McLeod  
Cllr Stephen McCabe  
Cllr James McColgan  
Lynn Allison

**Welcome**

Alan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Apologies**

Apologies received as per above.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising**

Caroline could not find any comments on the gritting of the car park in previous minutes that she held, Alan will look at previous copies that he has. Alan will arrange to go to one of the pupil committees.

## **Correspondence**

Alan has spoken to Wilma Bain regarding the principal teachers posting and she is looking into this for us and will try to help in any way she can.

Alan to help will also ask Wilma about road signage and the gritting of the car park in Northfield Avenue.

Sheena Beaton (Quality Improvement Officer) will attend next meeting, Any questions for Sheena can be forwarded to Alan before next meeting.

## **Communications**

The next newsletter will go out around Easter time, It was suggested that we could run a design an Easter egg competition in this newsletter.

Alan will continue to correspond with Parent Council through E-mail.

## **Fundraising**

We currently have £3660 in the bank.

The Candle Party raised £87 and the collection from the Nativity raised £240 for our funds.

The next event to be run is the Beetle Drive which is on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The next disco is the 27<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a charge at the door for this. We are also needing helpers for this.

50 – 50 draw will be end of March.

Bulb Show will be on 16<sup>th</sup> March with kids bring a bottle to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

A Raffle will be held on Parents Night as we have the chance of having a Captive Audience.

At the next meeting we will discuss the possibility of having a Fete in June.

## **Head Teacher Report**

There are 67 pupils enrolled for Primary One next year although it is anticipated that this will rise.

Janet thanked the Parent Council for their help with the handbook.

CFE Assessment in next newsletter.

There was good feedback from the Christmas Nativity and the Christmas Services.

Laptops have been renewed in the school.

Jennifer McPhee has returned from Maternity Leave, Jennifer McShane due to go on Maternity Leave – this job will be advertised shortly.

Great feedback from the pupils about the Dick Whittington pantomime, next year will be Cinderella at a cost of £600.

New jackets were bought for the Support Staff and thanks to Smiths for £200 donation towards these.

Janet asked the Council if we could pay £300 for bus to Dalgise from fundraising.

New lunch trolleys have been a great success so Janet asked if Fundraising could buy 2 more.

## **Member Feedback**

We had a look through the sheet to see how we were doing with this, all the points are being worked on.

## **Concerns and Actions**

We went through the actions/ concerns tracker and we closed off 2 of the concerns (1) Time available for lunches, (2) lunch card numbers.

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

Eleanor brought 20 new tracksuits to the meeting these were very kindly donated to us from Baru along with 20 netball skirts at a cost of £1200, it was suggested that we should contact the Telegraph to give Baru a piece of publicity for their generosity.

The athletics team has qualified for athletics final which will be held on 15<sup>th</sup>

February at Lady Octavia Sports Centre.

Primary 1 induction days are the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June.

It was brought up that maybe all the kids should be involved in the Festival so Janet will look into this for next year.

The school is taking part in the Community Council Competition.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm