

Newark Parent

Primary Council



Wednesday 20th February 2013

Attendees:

Donna Hendry
Alan Redpath
Joan Diamond
Caroline Baxter
Kate Barclay
Gillian Hart
Gillian Rodgers
George Steele

Apologies:

Ian Stewart	Jason McNicol
Cllr David Wilson	Eleanor Semple
Mrs Leicester	Cllr Jim McLeod
Cllr Stephen McCabe	Isla Cen-Black
Cllr James McColgan	Fraser Donaldson
Sarah Neilson	Christine McNeill
Sheena Beaton	Patricia Simpson

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.

Guest Speaker

Sheena Beaton (Quality Improvement Officer)

Sheena came along to the meeting to speak about Parent Councils and to offer us any help if we thought it was needed.

Sheena was impressed with our Parent Council and thought we were talking about the right subjects at our meetings. Cllr Stephen McCabe then made the comment that we were one of the best Parent Councils in the area.

Sheena was very impressed by the tracker that we use that she asked if she could share this with other Parent Councils.

Sheena came up with other ways in which to help us in our role, she also thought it would be good for us to see how other Parent Councils worked.

Correspondence

No correspondence for this meeting.

Communications

Thank you was sent to Baru for their kind donation of tracksuits and netball skirts.

Alan received an E-mail from Inverclyde Radio offering to advertise any events we will have in the future.

Fundraising

Balance is £3660.

50/50 draw envelopes are to go out this week.

New DJ for kids disco will be Garry Spence.

Helpers are needed for the Bulb Show on 16th March.

Cost for circus is £220.

Janet asked fundraising for £700 for new goals for Primary 5...George will see Ian Munro about these.

Beetle Drive – very poor attendance only £14 profit made.

Go as you please 15th March will be £1 donation or bottle for Bulb Show

Head Teacher Report

There are 70 pupils enrolled for Primary One next year although it is anticipated that this could rise.

Lisa Fox was the successful candidate for Jennifer McShane's post due to Jennifer going on Maternity Leave.

The athletics team came 5th in the finals.

Primary 6 had a very successful trip to Castle Toward.

Health and Wellbeing Enterprise to be held this week.

Positive Parenting Course being run in school – poor attendance.

Dyslexia Parent Group is running well.

Enterprise Showcase to be held in Town Hall on 25th March.

A raffle will be held on Parents Evening with the prize being Fair Trade Hamper.

A questionnaire will be held on Parents Evening on Rights for Parents, Children and Teachers.

Concerns and Actions

Alan and Joan met with Wilma Bain and Robert Graham to discuss the following:

Road Signs – there are no budget constraint for the new financial year so they will monitor traffic and the speed of the traffic and also redirect CCTV to the crossing to see if these are needed.

Car-park at Northfield Road – this is not a public car-park it is a school car-park so Wilma will speak to manager of services to see if they can grit the pavements around the car-park

A.O.B.

Question was brought up about first aid kits while the kids are on out of school activities – Janet will find out more about this.

Janet to find out if Parents can go along to any activities that the kids are involved with outside school premises i.e. finals

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 20th March at 6.30 pm and the guest speaker will be Jan Spence speaking about Autism.