

Auchenblae School Parent Council AGM
Wednesday 5th September 2012
at Auchenblae School
7 pm

1. Present

Mrs Young, Clare Ptaszek, Lindsay Cochrane, Lizzy Dixon, Mrs McLean, Miss Thomson, Mrs Ralston, Miss Taylor, Miss Currie, Therese Hendry, Miss Wallace, Karen Carmichael, Patricia MacEachern, John Forrester, Stephen Vickers, Margo Titmuss, Isabelle Riddoch, Marieke Wood

2. Apologies

Gillian Milne, Sue Barrie, Sheila Morgan,

3. Minutes of AGM 21st September 2011

The minutes were accepted; approved by Lindsay Cochrane and Seconded by Steve Vickers.

4. Chairperson's Report

RECENT EVENTS

At the end of last term, the Parent Council ran a refreshments stall at the Potted Sports afternoon and had a very successful end of term BBQ run by Dads. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to, or helped at these events.

We have already started this term with a flourish of activity. In the last week alone, we have had the Parent Council Lunch and a Sponsored Walk. The Parent Council Lunch, which took place on Friday, was an opportunity to highlight the Parent Council to parents in advance of today's AGM. Although we had a reasonable turn out, there were few new faces which is quite disappointing. Thanks very much though to those who did make the effort to come along and find out more about the Parent Council, and for those of you who helped with food, setting up, etc.

Thanks to Sue Barrie and Sheila Morgan for organising the Sponsored Walk that took place at the weekend. Thanks also to the teaching staff and other volunteers who marshalled the event; and to the families who took part. The uptake by families was really very disappointing, but those of us who took part really enjoyed ourselves and will have raised some money for the school in the process.

UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

As agreed at the last meeting, the Parent Council have provided Hobbycraft vouchers for arts and craft supplies to the school in advance of the start of term.

Thanks to Isabelle Riddoch for pulling together the article about the Parent Council that was in the recent edition of *The Messenger*.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There have been some changes to those helping with some of the extra curricular groups. Therese Hendry and I have recently handed over responsibility for School Football to Mirjam Currie and Tracy Smith; Fiona Donaldson and Anna Burgoyne are continuing to coach netball but have asked

for volunteers to help; and Angela Horsfall will be handing over the Extra Curricular Accounts due to her impending move.

The swimming and netball groups have requested funds to purchase new equipment. These requests will be discussed at the business part of today's meeting.

FUNDRAISING

I have received some suggestions for fundraising initiatives for the forthcoming academic year and will bring these forward to discuss at the business part of today's meeting.

We should be proactive with regard to Christmas initiatives this year and need to get parents involved in projects as soon as possible, ideally before the October holidays, so as to be able to meet any production deadlines.

COMMITTEE

We have been a small Committee this year, and while it has been fun getting involved with the various activities to support the school, we have felt challenged at times because there have been so few of us. We have however very much appreciated the additional help and support we have received from other parents and certainly could not have done as much as we did without them.

Thanks again to my fellow Committee members, other parents, Mrs Young and the teaching staff for all their help and support over the last year. Good luck to the incoming Parent Council for the forthcoming academic year.

5. Treasurer's Report

The start of the 2011/2012 school year began with a healthy bank balance of £2165.74 and petty cash £43.89. Immediately £637.90 was paid to the school for our share of the pantomime cost for 2010 and also the donation to hardship fund session 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 which cost £100 per year total £200.00

We purchased tea towels through Stuart Morris total £580.40 which turned out to be successful as there are only a few left so well done to all for that.

Hampers for Xmass came to £241.79

Xmas town hall sale day expense came to £27.90 and raised £189.85 total profit £161.95.

School panto contributions £611.90

Daffodil tea £2021.13 - £515 float = £1506.13 profit. The amount of effort put into the day by all the helpers was vast. For a new member like me it showed me the real meaning of working together, well done to everyone.

Hobby craft vouchers for 6 teachers at £50 each total £300.00. Good for the teachers to get bits and for their classroom.

Donation of £88.10 raised during sports day and BBQ Evening.

Flowers bought for the end of term teachers £100.

Well the balance between the income and expenditure is £2373.30. With £57.09 Petty Cash Total Balance and bank balance is £2430.39.

Auchenblae School Extra Curricular Club – Treasurer’s Report

Closing bank balance - £1546.12 petty cash - £309.83

Chris Robinson is taking over as Treasurer of this account.

6. Head Teacher’s Report

Last session saw a very busy and hardworking year. A whole range of learning opportunities including topical celebrations such as the Queens Jubilee and the Olympics formed some of the focus for learning. We continue to self-evaluate our progress against the quality indicators in HGIOS. The Parent Council meetings provided opportunities to further involve parents in evaluation of the life and work of the school. The Standards and Quality Flyer, which was sent home last week summarises our achievements for the year. One new emphasis for us was our involvement in the Rights Respecting School Award and we received our ‘Recognition of Commitment’ in June.

Learning, Teaching and assessment

- We continue to plan using the outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence and continue to track our coverage of the outcomes so that pupils do experience the breadth and depth of learning within and across curricular areas. Staff in the cluster worked together so that standards were shared and moderated, within the focus area of writing. Parents are continually involved through the ‘Sharing the Learning’ leaflets, Learning Journeys and classroom visits.

Parental Involvement

- We also benefited from parents who ran extra-curricular clubs for netball, football and swimming. The cycling in term 4 was very successful as was the knitting club.
- Many parents helped us in reorganising resources and supporting us in a variety of ways.
- There has been an increase in the numbers of parents who have requested ‘Adult Helper’ forms for this session. The nursery parents are invited to play sessions and as helpers using a rota system.

Building repairs and maintenance

- We were delighted that improvements have been made to the school hall and staffroom. Also the office windows and the disabled spaces.

Resources

- We continued to update numeracy resources particularly for the older pupils.
- More literacy resources are required as we implement the Active Literacy project and amalgamate new books with our existing reading resources.

What next?

- We start this new session with many staffing changes including the rising roll and additional teacher. We welcome Miss Taylor, Mrs Masson and our three new Pupil Support Assistants, Mrs Broomfield, Mrs Wells and Mrs Watson.

- Our school improvement plan includes learning, teaching and assessment and moderation, the Rights Respecting Schools award and the Active Literacy Project.
- Term 2 should see an enterprise project for pupils in the middle classes.
- In Term 2 we will build on the First Aid training for pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7.
- School photographs are tomorrow.
- Primary 4/5 are visiting Techfest this Friday.
- We hope to have a Victorian Schools input.
- The Primary 6/7 pupils will undertake a fundraiser linked to the Adventure Service Challenge.
- The trip to the Pantomime is organised and we hope to hold a Christmas Celebration in the church.
- The Rights Respecting School award has an impact on our rules and responsibilities and we are working through this with the pupils having already consulted with parents on the overall school charter.

I would, once again, like to thank everybody for their help, support and very positive feedback.

7. Constitution

There were no amendments to the Constitution.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected for the Office Bearer roles:

Chairperson: Lindsay Cochrane - nominated by John Forrester and seconded by Stephen Vickers

Treasurer: Marieke Wood – nominated by Margo Titmuss and seconded by Isabelle Riddoch

Secretary: Sue Barrie – nominated by Clare Ptaszek and seconded by Margo Titmuss

The following parents are also voted on as members of the Parent Council Committee: Therese Hendry, Karen Carmichael, Lizzy Dixon, Stephen Vickers, John Forrester and Clare Ptaszek.

Isabelle Riddoch, Gillian Milne and Margo Titmuss have nominated themselves to help the Parent Council when required.

The AGM was closed at 7.40pm