

Auchenblae School Parent Forum Meeting  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Sheila Morgan, Sue Barrie

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were passed; approved by Lindsay Cochrane and seconded by Clare Ptaszek

**4. Extra Curricular Activities**

Chris Robinson is taking over as Treasurer of the Extra Curricular bank account.

The ladies who organise the netball club have put in a request for new bibs at a cost of £30.00 approx. Everyone at the meeting agreed to this.

The ladies who organise the swimming club have asked for £200.00 approximately to replace old equipment. Everyone at the meeting agreed to this.

The bank balance of the Extra Curricular Clubs was discussed and it was agreed that a balance of £400.00 should remain in that account with the remainder being transferred over to the main Parent Council bank account once the netball and swimming expenses have been taken into account.

**5. Dates and times of meetings**

A discussion took place with regards the timings of the Parent Council meetings and it has been agreed to trial the next meeting at the end of the school day. The children of the parents attending the meeting will be able to remain on the school premises and either do homework or watch a DVD; the children will be supervised by a teacher.

The dates of the next 2 meetings are:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @ 3.30pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 @ 3.30pm or  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 @ 7.00pm

**6. Fundraising**

There was a discussion about the lack of support for the Parent Council from parents/families whose children attend Auchenblae Primary School. A lot of work and effort is put in to make events the success they are, however, it is the same people who help at these events and attend them.

As the bank balance for the Parent Council is healthy and buoyant, it was agreed to reduce the amount of fundraising to be done during this academic year.

The Daffodil Tea will still be taking place (either 23<sup>rd</sup> March or 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013) and The Cinema Events will take place (6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012).

Lindsay Cochrane and Clare Ptaszek will arrange the Cinema Events and a sub-committee will be organised for the Daffodil Tea nearer the time.

Bags-to-school will be ongoing and will be arranged via Isabelle Riddoch.

## **7. Charity**

Mrs Young is aware of asking parents for multiple donations and these can add up over time, as a result the school will be supporting the Poppy Appeal and UNICEF only.

Following on from last year, Isabelle Riddoch will be arranging the Shoebox appeal for later on this year and will supply further details as soon as possible.

## **8. AOCB**

### **Noticeboard**

The noticeboard, next to the main school entrance, will have the latest Parent Council news on it for everyone to look at.

### **Musical instruments**

Karen Carmichael enquired about musical instruments and asked if there were other instruments offered other than the violin/viola. The school offers violin lessons to the children and this has proved to be popular. Children in P5 are being offered the opportunity of 12 weeks free lessons and then have to pay for tuition afterwards; this replaces the one year free tuition.

### **Chess club**

Mrs Young asked if anyone knew someone that could come into the school, during the lunch break, and teach the children how to play chess. Isabelle Riddoch will write a small piece for the Auchenblae Messenger Memo.

### **X-Box**

Clare Ptaszek asked if the Parent Council could purchase an X-Box as another means to exercise for the children, especially when the weather prevents outdoor play (Just Dance etc, NOT games). The X-Box would be set up in the hall and children can have the opportunity to join in (no controllers needed!). Mrs Young will look into the purchasing costs of a projector screen that would be used with an X-Box.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 3.30pm