

**MINUTES OF MEETING
AUCHENBLAE PARENT COUNCIL
29th October 2013 3.30-4.40pm**

In attendance

Paula Harris* (Chair)
Lynne Leslie* (Treasurer)
Sue Barrie* (Secretary)
Clare Ptaszek*
John Forrester*
Julie Butler
Chris Robinson*
Marieke Wood*
Karen Carmichael*
Denise Bird
Tom Lawson*
Margo Titmuss
Dinoshi Harrison
Barbara Rowe

Elsie Young
Christine Blakemore
Emma Thomson
Diana Ralston
Suzanne Craik
Roslyn Campbell
Joanne Jamieson

* indicates Member of the Parent Council Committee

Apologies

Lindsay Cochrane*
Lizzy Dixon*
Trish MacEachern

Gillian Milne
Isabelle Ridloch

Action

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2013 were approved without amendment.

2 Matters arising from the last minutes

The interactive panel has been purchased at a cost of approximately £4,000, and installed in the P5/7 classroom for use by the P7s. This was 100% funded by the Parent Council so that Aberdeenshire Council cannot decide to move it elsewhere.

Gillian Milne has made enquiries about bike shed funding and will report to the next meeting.

GM

**3 Headteacher's Report
Life and work of the school**

The Parent Open Sessions and 'Come to Play sessions in Nursery were very well received last term.

We continue to develop our planning for learning and assessment across all curricular areas. We strive to involve parents in their child's learning experience through the sharing the learning leaflets and learning journeys.

The November inservice days will see staff involved in First Aid Training, Assessment and using SEEMIS.

The Pupil Voice Committees are underway and the Rights Respecting School group planned and organised the article treasure hunt on Parents evenings.

It was good to get the corridor repainted and refloored.

What next?

Rehearsals for the school show will start next week. We have purchased some staging at a cost of £2356.00. It should arrive this week and we will then need to decide on a skirt for it.

The snow packs will be sent home and we hope that the weather does not disrupt this term.

We have once again offered children the opportunity to fill a shoebox for the Blythswood appeal.

Thanks to:

We continue to be very grateful to so many parents who help with swimming, netball, football, chess, knitting and singing.

The Nearly New sale organisers who donated resources to the school and Nursery and £300.00 and their forthcoming sale.

The Bags2School collection.

Thistle Kids who raised £166.23

The forthcoming Candles and Cake coffee morning.

The parent Council has supported us by paying for the interactive panel and for the Bodyworks Tour.

Next Requests

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for all their support and partnership working during the past years.

4 Chairperson's Report

The organisers of the next Nearly New Sale in the village on 16th November are to donate the proceeds to the school. Helpers are required and should contact Isabelle Riddoch or Gillian Milne.

On the 4th November, Isabelle is also holding a cards, candles and cake morning at her house.

Deadline for the Blytheswood shoebox appeal is 13th November.

Next Bags to School day will be in May next year.

Thanks were expressed to Denise Bird whose Thistle Kids day raised £166.

A new treasurer is required for the extra-curricular account as Chris Robinson will be leaving the village soon.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Parent Council account has a balance of £5,778, this after the new interactive panel has been paid for. £2,400 of this is money transferred from the extracurricular account. The final total from the Sponsored Challenge was around £3,300.

It was agreed to pay for a hardship fund of £100 as per previous years to help anyone struggling to meet the cost of school trips. The PC contribution to the Panto trip is still to be paid.

6 Recruitment

Dates have been fixed for recruitment meetings and interviews for the new headteacher. Candidates will be considered and a shortlist drawn up on 18th November at 7pm. The interviews will take place on 2nd December. Four parents can attend the first part of the meeting on 18th, and then just 2 for the second part of the meeting, and for the interviews. Training will be given at the meeting on the 18th.

The two parents are usually taken from the Parent Council, one being the Chairperson. Paula agreed to this. Sue Barrie and Lindsay Cochrane had both expressed an interest in

being the second parent. It was agreed by those parents present that Sue Barrie should be the second parent on the interview panel, with Lindsay Cochrane as a backup, and as a third parent to attend the first part of the meeting on the 18th. Paula Harris to notify Aberdeenshire Council of these names.

PH

7 Christmas Plans

Marieke Wood explained her proposal to have a **Christmas Gift Tree** in the school. This would be where children could leave gifts for older and lonely people in our local community. Marieke had spoken to a local social worker who felt that about 40 gifts would be needed. It was agreed that:

The P5 class would be assigned this project to prepare gifts for a suggested value of £5.

EY

Marieke would be the main parent helper but also Margo, Denise, Paula and Clare.

All

The village friendship group would be invited to attend the children's performance on Wednesday afternoon 11th December at 1.30pm

MW

MT

Gifts would be funded as far as possible by sales of the DVD of the performance made by Margo.

JB

Parties: Julie Butler agreed to prepare the food bags for the children's parties consisting of crisps/ mini choc bar/ Satsuma each. 127no.

The teachers had already organised gifts at a cost of £144.

Panto Trip: The Parent Council will pay for ice creams as well as subsidising the whole trip. Paula will buy a small carton of juice for the children.

PH

8 Rock and Roll Bingo

Julie Butler reported that her sub group had plans in hand for this event on 30th November.

9 Cinema Events

No dates have been set with so much else going on before Christmas.

10 Rock and Roll Disco

Date in February 2014. An event for the children. Paula and Julie taking forward

PH

JB

11 Spring Fair

Date to be set next meeting

12 Wish List

The school has just purchased some staging for the show in the hall at a cost of £2,356. This needs a curtain around it, but it was felt that the £300 being asked was too much. Julie Butler to assist the school in finding a local seamstress to make.

JB/EY

Agreed to spend:

£1,000 on musical instruments

EY

2 new cameras

new balls and hoola hoops

13 Communications

It was agreed that the dedicated Parent Council newsletter would be discontinued. Instead parent Council news would be included in the school newsletter. Headteacher to liaise with Chair of PC to ensure inclusion of relevant information.

14 Next Meeting

Thursday 30th January at 7pm