

Abbeyhill Primary School

Parent Council Meeting - Draft Minutes

Wednesday 7th May 2014

Present: Chris Byrne (Chair), Lisa Tansey (VC), Charlotte Intihar(VC), Di Falck (Treasurer), Sandra Stewart (Headteacher), Lynsey Stewart, Caitlyn McDiarmid and Linda Watt.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Last minutes agreed, other than minor date changes.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Plans for janitor's house need to be located to take this further. Linda agreed to look into this. Money from P.E. government initiative was spent on in-service dance training for teachers and new P.E. equipment.

3. SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

2006 plan located and assessed by Caitlyn. She will continue with this project, developing a new plan. Chris and Charlotte agreed to assist. Sandra has applied to 'The School Streets Project'. More to follow on outcome of this.

4. RECRUITMENT OF NEW HEAD TEACHER

Di and Chris received recruitment training and will attend long and short leet interviews on 14th and 22nd May respectively. Discussion had about nature of questions to be asked; Di and Chris will submit to Council officers.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Scooter parking rack order in process. Di and Charlotte agreed to install rack under the shelter.

Chris reported that some parents of children in the nursery class were very disappointed that their children, who live out of catchment, have been refused a place for P1 at the school. Sandra explained class sizes throughout the school and that forward planning has impacted current intakes. The school applied for two additional classes but has been allocated one.

Artists in residency project money awarded by City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership, to the sum of £5000. Linda is overseeing finances of this project and will liase with Di.

It is to be noted and recorded that Iliyana Nedkova's work has been amazing in getting the proposal ready. Staff are very excited and looking forward to the project. Sandra, in particular, is very grateful for Illie's work and will email Linda Lees to inform about project moving forward.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Di has received NO bank statements thus far. Estimate of account balance is £1829.44. International Day raised a total of £128.85. There were expenses of £38.00, leaving a total of £98.85 to be deposited. Ony line banking was attempted but unsuccessful. Di to contact bank about statements and other difficulties. Di consulted Parent Forum financial guide regarding clerk payment for minute duties and found that annual payments from the Council will be ony going.

7. REPORTS FROM PARENT COUNCIL SUB-GROUPS

Gardens and Grounds:

Questions from parents about playground being cordoned off. School response is that the range of potential falling glass had to be factored in when area was cordoned off. The windows will be replaced with perspex or boarded up within the next short period of time. The council are currently investigating how to approach this as Listed Buildings consent is needed before work can begin.

Events:

Happy with outcome of International Day with plans to repeat next year.

8. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

Please see attached report.

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Head Teacher's Report

- Sports Relief – Children enjoyed the events organised by Mrs Evans and P5/6. Over £200 was raised.
- International Week, Day and Event was a very worthwhile experience. Older children worked well with younger children and everyone learned a lot. The event on the Friday was very popular and certainly something to consider repeating in the future.
- Over £400 of books sold at Book Fair.
- Colony of Artists – Artists in Residence. Iliyana Nedkova applied for grant on our behalf to fund project and was awarded £5000. Some classes will be working with artists this term on a variety of projects.
- 9 applicants for Head Teacher vacancy with 6 being interviewed on 14th May. Final interviews before the end of the month.
- Seconded Early Years Officer interviews taking place on Friday – because nursery is now 40/40.
- Permanent teaching vacancy to be advertised very soon.
- Do not know yet if we are getting a probationer – should know this week.
- Eight classes next session.
- New P1 meeting on 4 June – representatives of Parent Council welcome to attend.
- Long-term building work – dry rot in both buildings – unsure how much work this entails until dry rot explored, windows to be replaced, gutters cleared, toilets, building to be repaired and toilets to be refurbished.
- Family BBQ – 25 June
- Whole school concert towards end of term
- Reports to go out on 7th June.