

DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL



MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2011
AT 8.00 P.M. IN DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The formal meeting began at 8.00 p.m. after the Sub-groups met at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Annie Beatty (Chair)
Marie Robledo, Lighthouse a.m.
Anouska Woods, Woodlands a.m.;
Audrey Cameron, Woodlands p.m.
Sharon McVitie, P1E
Emma Hexley, P1/2 Comp.
Sarah Duguid P2A;
Dee Davison P3B; Jackie Gourlay P3C; Samantha Ball P3D
Jenny McGlinchey P5D
Jane McIntyre P6B; Isla Paterson (Treas) P6C

Other Attendees:- Helen Gillanders, H.T.; Susan Brennan, Teacher Rep.;
Cllr. Paul McLennan; David Summersgill, Sign Language Interpreter

Apologies:- Cllrs. J. Bell & N. Hampshire; Catriona Reece-Heal; Janey Nicol;
Morag Readman; Fiona Smith; Sarah Watt; Anna Wyatt;
Tracy Gillespie; Jennifer Goldie; Kirsty Bunyan; Lorraine McLuckie;
Cath McPhillips

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1.	<p>Annie welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of Previous meeting:- These were taken as read.</p> <p>Matters Arising: Paypal – The general feeling was that this might prove to be administratively difficult. However, before making a final decision, it was decided to find out from Morag Haddow ,who had made the suggestion, how she saw Paypal being used by the P.C.</p>	AB
2.	<p>Sub-Groups Reports:-</p> <p>Science: Dee gave an update on arrangements for the Science Festival being held on Sunday 13 March 2011 at Belhaven Fruit Farm. Mr Rennie, the owner, had been extremely helpful as well as providing the venue free of charge. Due to the fantastic response from event providers (who were also giving their services free of charge) the event will now take place from 12noon – 5p.m.</p> <p>A number of financial contributions had been received from local businesses etc. and these were very much appreciated.</p> <p>Arrangements were being made to operate a shuttle bus service to/from the town to encourage people not to use private transport. However, parking will be available at a cost of £2.00.</p> <p>Lots of volunteers were required (a total of 56 ideally) to ensure that everything runs smoothly and that the event is a success.</p> <p>The hope is to turn this into an Annual Event on a similar scale.</p> <p>It was agreed that the P.C. will assist with any “overspend” should this occur.</p> <p>Playground:- Ideas for this included:- (a) horizontal climbing wall; (b) another Trim Trail; (c) Logs for seats; (d) “Spray-on” road; (e) low chalk boards.</p> <p>Garden:- Committee had approached Sustaining Dunbar and the hope was that they will assist with provision of fruit trees.</p>	
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2.	<p><u>Sub-Groups cont'd.</u> <u>School Fair:</u> The Committee now had a "To Do" List and are busy working their way through this.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Head Teacher's Report:</u> 1. Helen reported that, when the work on the New Community Centre commences in March, it will be necessary for the Local Authority to close vehicular access from Countess Crescent. She showed a plan of the proposed amendments. One concern arose i.e. the width of the pavement which will be available for pedestrians. Helen agreed to take this concern back to Colin Baird at the Council.</p> <p>2. Helen also produced a proposed layout of the Communication Provision Unit. It will be necessary for taxis to have access to drop off/collect pupils using this facility. A short road will be created (access from Edinburgh Road) using a small area of the school playground. This area will be cordoned off for safety purposes.</p> <p>3. Helen made a plea on behalf of the Nursery for £200.00 to provide shelving in the Outdoor Store Area. This was agreed.</p>	<p>HG</p> <p>IP</p>
4.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report:-</u> Isla reported a current balance of just over £6000, with approx. £900 still to be deducted.</p> <p>Annie raised the question of how some of this money could be spent and it was agreed that members should bring ideas along to the next P.C. meeting. It was also agreed that care should be taken to retain an amount which may be required to be spent once the new school is operational.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Any Other Competent Business:-</u></p> <p>1. Helpers required for Read-a-thon, Parents' Evenings and Science Festival.</p> <p>2. Isla raised the question of the P.C. applying for a COSTCO membership and this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>3. Paul informed the meeting that there will be no efficiency savings imposed this year.</p> <p>4. Paul also said that any savings made from the shared services which are being proposed will go back into the Education budget.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:-</u> This will be held in the School Library on Monday 4 April 2011 with Sub-Groups at 7.30p.m. followed by meeting at 8p.m. The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.</p>	