

DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL



MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30P.M. IN DUNBAR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The formal meeting began at 7.30p.m. after the Sub-groups met at 7 p.m.

**Present:-** Annie Beatty (Chair)  
Catriona Reece-Heal, Lighthouse a.m.;  
Anousaka Woods, Woodlands a.m.; Audrey Cameron, Woodlands p.m.;  
Sharon McVitie P1E  
Janine McHutchon P2B  
Dee Davison, P3B  
Liz Todd/Mark Patterson P4D  
Isla Paterson P6C

**Other Attendees:-** Helen Gillanders H.T.; David Summersgill, Sign Language Interpreter;  
Janet McDougall-Welch, Library  
Councillors J. Bell and P. McLennan

**Apologies:** Heather Black; Lorraine McLuckie; Joaney Nicol; Morag Readman;  
Susan Watt; Jayne McIntyre; Sue Anderson; Samantha Ball

		<u>Action</u>
1.	<b><u>Minutes of previous meeting:-</u></b> These were approved and taken as read.	
2.	<p><b><u>Sub-Groups Reports:-</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Science –</u></b> Audrey &amp; Dee reported that £500 of funding had been received from the Scottish Government. A Science Fair was being organised with a proposed date of 13 March 2011. This will be in conjunction with the National Science &amp; Engineering Week. The sub-group will organise the Fair but will be looking to the school for support. It will be open to all parents, family and friends and will include “hands on” experiences. It was hoped that this could turn into an annual event. Annie emphasised how professional this event will be.</p> <p>The long term aim of the Science group was how to support Science in the School.</p> <p><b><u>Literacy –</u></b> Arranging a Coffee morning to discuss the split of books when the new school is opened.</p> <p><b><u>Birthday Books -</u></b> A stall had been set up on Parents Nights to explain to parents about “Birthday Books” - a number of parents had “signed up” and the sum of approx. £140 had been taken in. It was hoped to continue this theme at other events, if appropriate. Sharon &amp; Liz were compiling a list of what needs to be done to move forward.</p> <p><b><u>Grounds –</u></b> There was nothing to report at present.</p> <p><b><u>Fund-Raising &amp; Events –</u></b> Thanks were expressed to Anouska, Audrey and Catriona for the successful Nursery Toy Sale.</p>	
3.	<b><u>Treasurer’s Report:-</u></b> The balance at the moment is just under £6,500 with 2 transactions pending i.e. £1680 to the school for some of the pledges already granted and the sum of approx. £1200 for printing the calendars. It was agreed to seek an alternative printer for the calendars for next year. Estimated balance £3,500.	
4.	<b><u>Financial Direction for the year:-</u></b> It was agreed that money raised at the Ceilidh to be held on 28 January 2011 will go towards the Science Festival Fund which will be kept as a separate entity.	
5./		

		Action
5.	<p><b><u>Head Teacher's Report-</u></b> (1) Helen thanked all parents/carers for their forbearance during the recent bad weather. The Group Call system had worked very well. She pointed out that 24 members of her teaching staff and management team lived outwith Dunbar.</p> <p>(2) The Panto and Theatre trips had been cancelled due to the inclement weather but alternatives had been/are being organised. The meeting agreed that the contribution from the P.C. towards the cost of travel should go towards another purchase.</p> <p>(3) Christmas Lunches, Church services and parties will all take place this week.</p> <p>(4) Staff were working hard to make up for the time lost during the school closure.</p> <p>(5) It is now likely that the Communication Base will move to Dunbar in August 2011. There will be Nursery and P1 classes with a total of approx. 10 pupils.</p> <p>(6) Budget : Helen had been given a ballpark figure which represented a cut of 4% (approx. £45,000 per year ) for the next 3 years. (This final figure should be available at the end of January.)</p> <p>Cllr. McLennan said that he hoped the figure would not be quite as bad as 4%. The Authority was working towards sharing as many services as possible to make savings. The Budget will be announced first or second week in February 2011.</p> <p>He also commented on the Partnership Schools which the Council had voted for which would give schools more flexibility over how money is spent in individual schools.</p> <p>He also pointed out that, despite the necessary cutbacks, the Attainment Levels being reached are still rising.</p> <p>Paul also took this opportunity to thank the Parent Council for their assistance during the bad weather closure.</p> <p>(7) School is organising a "Thank you" Coffee Morning for the Library people in January. Also, photos of the new school will be posted on the School Website in January.</p> <p>(8) Helen would like to close the whole school at 2.50p.m. on the last day of term and hoped the P.C. would support her in this. This was agreed.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Miss Thomson's Retirement:-</u></b> The meeting agreed to present Miss Thomson with Music Vouchers. This will be done at the end of term Assembly on 23 December 2010 at 1.30p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Ladies' Night:-</u></b> A huge vote of thanks to Dee for all her hard work. Dee made a plea to the P.C. to seriously consider having this event incorporated as part of the P.C. fundraising.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Next Meeting:-</u></b> This will take place on <b>Tuesday 11 January 2011 in the school. (Time of meeting to be advised).</b></p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.</p>	

--	--	--