

DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held On: Monday 2nd November 2015 at John Muir Campus

Present:

Sarah Horsburgh (Chair)
 Helen Gillanders (HT)
 Jaclyn Eeles (DHT)
 Yvette Gregory
 Nadia Francis
 Helen Faulds
 Joanne Robinson
 Dee Davison
 Helen McLachlan
 Julie Adams
 Lauren Howat
 Jacqui Preston
 Samantha Stebbing
 Fiona Heys
 Siobhan Thomas

Apologies:

Susan Brennan (Class Teacher Rep)
 Tracey Gillespie
 Mags Brown
 Claire

1.	<p>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING Sarah Horsburgh (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
2.	<p>PUPIL COUNCIL PRESENTATION Alex, Rabia & Abigail (P7 pupils) gave a presentation regarding new playground markings and answered questions from the Parent Council. The Pupil Council & Mr MacKenzie will look at the cost and the Parent Council agreed to donate half the money.</p>	GM
3.	<p>HEADTEACHERS REPORT Lochend Book / Toy Swap: P4 – P7 children involved at Lochend Campus on 25th November – organised by Zero Waste Town.</p> <p>Helen showed a video on YouTube called ‘Scrapstore PlayPods’ which showed pupils in a school using a variety of safe scrap materials in the playground, e.g. tyres, trays, pipes. The materials are used for problem solving & risk taking in a safe environment. It is a holistic process that works with the entire school community to change both the human and physical play environment transforming play at lunchtimes. Helen is looking to source materials to use in John Muir Campus & Lochend Campus and will let us know more at the next meeting.</p> <p>‘What You Say Counts’: This has been developed in East Lothian to encourage children and young people to have a positive image of maths. It also aims to help parents to get to grips with their mathematical insecurities so that they can help their children with homework. The information was sent to all parents on Friday 30th October and they can find out more information on our school website (http://www.edubuzz.org/dunbarprimary/)</p>	<p>HG / SC</p> <p>HG</p>

	<p>Big Writing: All staff took part in training at the October 2015 in-service day. We will have Big Writing displays at Parents' Evening in November 2015 for parents to find out more information. P7s will be there to answer any questions. Class teachers are currently implementing the Big Writing programme across the school from Nursery – Primary 7. Teachers will begin to send home 'Talk Homework' before an extended piece of writing to generate ideas. Please discuss this with your child at home – no written notes are required.</p> <p>Whole school art project & exhibition: Planned for May 2016. All pupils will produce a piece of artwork to be framed & mounted as part of an exhibition. Parents will be invited to the exhibition and can buy pieces of work if they wish.</p> <p>Dunbar Primary School & Dunbar Grammar School are planning a joint art exhibition for the community to see. More information at a later date.</p> <p>Christmas Cards: Designs will be projected on to Dunbar Town House during the month of December. A note will come home to parents asking them to 'opt out' if they do not want their child's design to be involved. No names will be projected.</p> <p>Children in Need: Friday 13th November – Be a Hero theme, £1 donation. More details on the school website & twitter feed (@DunbarPrimary).</p>	HG / EA
4.	<p>ZERO WASTE TOWN PRESENTATION</p> <p>Susan Carlton from Zero Waste Town gave a presentation. She is working with 6 Dunbar & district schools and explained their aims for 2025, e.g. 70% waste recycled & 5% to landfill.</p> <p>They are aiming to encourage a 'circular economy' so materials can be used again.</p> <p>Susan recently investigated the waste at Dunbar Primary School and explained her findings. She also shared the findings with pupils at both JMC & Lochend assemblies in October 2015.</p> <p>Zero Waste Town will work with Primary 4 later in the session as part of their Eco Warrior topic.</p>	SC
5.	<p>FUNDRAISING</p> <p>Race Night Update: Tickets are currently on sale at £7.50 each. Stalls have sold out. The night will begin at 7pm. Order: Races, break for food, auction & disco.</p> <p>School Fair date decided: Saturday 28th May 2016.</p> <p>Christmas Cards: Options this year include china & ceramic mugs. Parents can see examples online before ordering.</p> <p>Toy Sale: Friday 27th Nov at John Muir Campus from 9.30am – 12pm. Flyers to go out asap.</p>	SH SH / KD

6.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p>If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the Countess After School Club Committee then please e-mail: casccommittee@gmail.com</p> <p>‘Stop, Hope & Drop’ discussion regarding safety of pupils in JMC playground. Helen said a reminder letter had been sent out recently but that a letter will be sent out again to nursery parents.</p> <p>P7 VE Day Celebration: Jaclyn Eeles explained that P7 children are currently organising a VE Day assembly & showcase of their work on Wednesday 4th November from 9 – 10.30am at Lochend Campus. The P7 pupils have organised as much of it as possible. All P7 parents, carers & grandparents are invited and we have over 100 people confirmed so far.</p>	HG
7.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS (7-9pm) at John Muir Campus Library</p> <p><i>Monday 11 January 2016</i></p>	