

DUNBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held On: MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2016 at John Muir Campus

Present:

Sarah Horsburgh (Chair)
Claire Ainslie (Co Vice-Chair)
Mags Brown (Treasurer)
Helen Gillanders (HT)
Jaclyn Eeles (DHT)
Jamie Orr (P3 Teacher)
Susan Brennan (Nursery Teacher)
Siobhan Thomas
Julie Adams
Emma Vance
Joanne Robinson
Nadia Francis
Fiona Houghton
Lisa Lumby
Sam Stebbing
Jaqui Preston
Jane Lockett
Chris Yule
Will Collin

Apologies
Laura Smith
Trudy King
Michael Veitch
Tracy Gillespie (Co Vice-Chair)
Lauren Howat

1.	<p>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Sarah Horsburgh (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The previous minutes were agreed by Nadia and seconded by Claire.</p>	
2.	<p>PRESENTATION BY MR ORR (P3 TEACHER)</p> <p>Volunteers required to help with 'Junior Joggers' which he is looking to start on 15 April 2016 at 8.15am. This will be an opportunity for P3 pupils to be involved in running, games and activities on a Friday morning (hopefully building up to a mile run). Sarah H offered to help with this and more information will be on twitter, school blog etc.</p>	<i>JO/SH</i>
3.	<p>HEADTEACHERS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lara Neri has been seconded from North Berwick High School to support the implementation of the 'Named Person' as part of the Children and Young Person's Act. Helen has invited her to come to discuss further at the next parent council meeting.• Children's University has been very well received and some of the pupils have already achieved their Gold certificates. There will be a refresher for pupils before the Summer holidays.• There will be open afternoons to share with parents/carers the P1 1+2 French programme which the pupils are really enjoying. A Language Assistant has been funded by the Government for the first year. Helen waiting for further information as to whether this will be funded later on and if not how to sustain.	<i>HG</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Steps to Success: There will be talks on literacy and numeracy for parents of APS pupils (Aug 2016) regarding preparing your child for Nursery and the importance of rhyme and rhythm and developing early numeracy skills. Susan also requested that ‘toilet training’ information be available to parents to encourage children to be toilet trained before starting nursery. • Nursery Reps to meet with Aileen Dingwall. • Scots Poetry – Pupils P1 to P7 will be learning to recite a Scots poem and the best will be a representative at school assembly. • P5 York letters will be going out this week. • Helen stated that it is a lot more beneficial for the pupils to go out at break and lunch rather than stay indoors but need to come to school dressed suitably for the weather. 	<p><i>NURSERY REPS/AD</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>FUNDRAISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed and agreed to use the previous company for creating and producing pupil Christmas cards as some of this year’s cards were felt to be of poor quality. Nursery will continue to use the same company as usual. • A discussion arose as to whether to do calendars as a sessional calendar (from August to July) or continue from January to December. There are a large amount of calendars that haven’t been sold and as a result the project has run at a loss. To discuss further at next meeting. • The Nursery Toy Sale raised £658 – suggestions for remaining toys were a car boot sale before the end of term or surprise bag (any ideas welcome). • Volunteers for Ladies night (22 April 2016) are: Tracy, Lara, Claire and Nadia. Some suggestions were retro Bingo night, casino and to continue with online auction. • It was proposed that 4 or 5 people dedicated to each event would be the best way forward for fundraising events. • It was suggested that parents/ reps are notified of help/volunteers required throughout the year (photography, wrapping Christmas presents, etc). 	<p><i>NEXT MEETING</i></p> <p><i>LADIES NIGHT</i></p> <p><i>KATHY/HELEN</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Run – this will be held to tie in with Sports Relief Event on 18 March 2016. There will also be a sponsored aerobics, different races for year groups and stalls. This will be a sports afternoon held at Hallhill and the running club are happy to help. Sarah and Lauren have offered to help with this event but more volunteers required. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 World of Work week has been organised by Jaclyn Eeles for the third year running. This has been a huge success informing pupils of skills required for learning and life. There are 12 speakers throughout the week covering apprenticeships, university and the different routes available to pupils when they leave school. • Joanne to send to Kathy information to promote CPR and De-Fib training which is organised and offered by the Fire Brigade. 	
6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2 February 2016	
4.	MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 7 March 2016 • Tuesday 12 April 2016 • Tuesday 3 May 2016 • Monday 6 June 2016 	