

**Minutes of the meeting
Humbie Parent Council
16th April 2013
Held at Humbie Primary School**

Present – Iain Lawrie (Chair), Lindy Lynn (Head Teacher), L Lowrie (Nursery Teacher), Tom Trotter (Councillor), Claire Gaston, Nick McCormick, Sally Heaphy,

Apologies – Steph Chisholm

Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming along.

1. Head Teacher's Report

Last term had been one of the best terms yet. This included Fair Trade week, Literacy week and two Community Cafes, which were both well supported by the Humbie community. Active schools are now providing tennis and rugby blocks and last term P3, 4 and 5 did swimming.

The snow this winter was not too bad and the school stayed open. The school bus didn't run on a couple of occasions but, as previously stated, parents were not obligated to bring their children if they felt the weather/roads were too bad.

PIPS testing for P1, 3, 5 & 7s, an online questionnaire scoring numeracy and literacy went well.

Karen Haspolat, Quality Improvement Officer, had visited the school and assessed the school as good for improvements through self-evaluation and very good for assessment for learning.

Cover for Karen has been a bit bitty and LL will endeavour to cover when no one else is available. Currently the plan is to have one person for Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Ritchie for Wednesday and another person for Thursday and Friday.

P4 going to School Camp and Innerwick on 14th May for two nights. LL to go along with two Saltoun teachers.

Next term, if numbers stay at their current level it is looking like we will have 24 pupils. This will allow for a second teacher. LL envisages the class to be split as follows: P1,2&3 - 11 pupils and P4,5&6 - 13 pupils. The advertisement has been placed by East Lothian Council.

LL also noted that these numbers will impact on the school bus and grace and favour places may be withdrawn.

2. Official Minute of Darrin Nightingale's response to Parent Council Letter.

Humbie Parent Council were delighted with the Darrin Nightingale's reply to their letter which has been circulated to all parents.

3. Saltoun's Request for Catchment Change

Fiona McCaskie and Saltoun Parent Council submitted their letter outlining their reasons for the council to look at changing the Saltoun catchment area to Knox Academy, Haddington as opposed to Ross High, Tranent. The response from Darrin Nightingale in summary was as follows: *Following discussions there is no desire or appetite to review the catchment areas for Knox or any of our other five secondary school areas and Saltoun remains in the Ross High School catchment.* Saltoun PC is going to appeal.

T. Trotter pointed out that he was not privy to this discussion and if he had been he would not be against Saltoun moving catchment area as Saltoun is in the Haddington and Lammermuir Ward as is Humbie.

Humbie Parent Council discussed the merits of putting forward a letter of support to Saltoun's appeal. It was decided that Iain would email all parents for their opinions on whether they would like Humbie to be in the Knox Academy catchment before proceeding.

4 SQA Cycling Awards.

Iain proposed that Humbie P6&7 could work towards their SQA Cycling award. This could be a useful qualification to have and could be tied into the curriculum as part of Health and Wellbeing, it appears that a class teacher could take the class.

LL commented that sSaltoun had a Bike Ability class which ran for 6 weeks.

It was agreed that Iain would investigate further.

5. AOB

Iain requested that £70 of the Parent Council budget be used to put Steph Chisholm and Clare Gaston through the Food Hygiene certificate.

Tom Trotter commented that regarding concerns by the Humbie community the recent traffic survey had concluded that there is little or no speeding in Humbie so the speed limit is not going to be changed.

It was asked if Humbie would reinstate Learning Support after Mrs Williams had left. LL commented that Mrs Williams had semi retired and was now working at Pencaitland and can be contacted, but currently the budget had been re-assigned for a Class room assistant.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.