

**Minutes of the meeting  
Humbie Parent Council  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - AGM  
Held at Humbie Primary School**

**Present** – Iain Lawrie (Chair), Lindy Lynn (Head Teacher), Karen Prudence (Principal Teacher), Nick McCormick, Sally Heaphy (Clerk)

**Apologies** – Steph Chisholm

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

**1. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

Rebecca Young is covering Roweena's maternity leave and it was hoped that this would continue.

To comply with the East Lothian/Government's requirement to have 2 hrs quality PE a week, Humbie has secured funding for Steph Chisholm to help deliver this.

LL has been teaching the P4s & 5s French as an extra subject, which is being well received.

KP had set up with the P5 children a Management Team consisting of Health, News Report, Charity/Playground. An action plan is going to be created for a year.

LL asked if Humbie would be interested in setting up a School Improvement Plan Forum similar to Saltoun, this would cover issues regarding the amount of homework. It was agreed that Humbie would not need this as generally people were happy with the amount of homework given.

**Recent Events:**

- Hats days in the woods was a success despite the torrential rain and the children enjoyed the challenges of problem solving and showed good team work despite the conditions.
- Humbie Evening of Song at Humbie Kirk, another successful evening.
- Poppy Café – the children raised £86.00 for Poppy Scotland.

These successful events showed the children in their best light.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Maths week
- Scottish Hats day
- Geography & Mapping
- Nativity 16th December
- Visit to the Pantomime 18<sup>th</sup> December
- End of term 20<sup>th</sup> December

IL offered to look into possibly delivering a Christmassy winter themed science event during the last days of term.

## 2. ADMIN MATTERS

The only elected members are Iain Lawrie (Chair) and Nic McCormick. It was decided to roll over this AGM until January and see if new members could be encouraged to join. It was agreed that an elected member should be put forward for recruitment training.

## 3. ELAPCM OCTOBER MEETING

IL attended the October meeting and reported back the following points of interest:

*NB: A copy of the full minutes can be found on the Humbie Blog.*

**Places2Be** – A counselling service – Currently being trialled in a few schools is waiting for confirmation from ELC as to whether it will be rolled out to other schools in East Lothian.

**Catchment Areas** – It was confirmed that no changes to the catchment areas would take place. Saltoun was still going to push forward with their campaign and asked if Humbie would also like to pursue this.

**Parent Rep on Education Committee** – A proposal had been put forward for a parent representative to sit on the Education Committee. At the ELACM meeting it was stated that the Strategy Group made the decisions rather than the Education meeting. It was agreed that Humbie would want to have a parent representative.

**Head Teacher Recruitment** – The outstanding Head Teacher appointments are nearly concluded.

**Early Years** – The Government initiative to increase the pre-school nursery hours from 475 to 600 hours in 2014. An on-line consultation is available for submitting responses. It is yet to be confirmed how this will be rolled out.

**Best Practice Report** – It was agreed at the ELACM meeting that a questionnaire will be sent to all Parent Councils annually to record ideas/achievements/events/parent involvement so good practices can be shared. IL to action for Humbie PC.

**Lunch Online Payment** – Ormiston school has been trialling this system.

## 4. SQA QUALIFICATIONS

IL has found a link to a useful information chart that can be printed out. This shows a timeline of different Scottish qualifications from past to present.

<http://www.sptc.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Old-vs-New-high-res-Updated-July-2013.pdf>

## 5. AOB

Humbie Handbook needs to be looked through for any updates – it was suggested that Freya Lawrie would be a good person to do this.

Bonfire night was a big success raising a huge sum of £1,322, which might increase with the extra sales of tablet.

## 6. Date of Next Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> January 2014