

**Minutes of the meeting
Humbie Parent Council
25th September 2014
Held at Humbie Primary School**

Present – Iain Lawrie (Chair), Lindy Lynn (Head Teacher), Karen Prudence, Helen Rawlinson, Jill Yates, Pippa Murphy, Sally Heaphy (Clerk)

Apologies – Luke Dalrymple, Jennifer Edwards, Fiona Harvey

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

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

The term got off to a good start with numbers in P1-6 at 23 initially, but these have now dropped to 16. This has reduced the school time of the second teacher and will work out as Mrs Ritchie returning to Saltoun full-time Monday and Tuesday and teaching Humbie on Wednesday and Thursday morning and giving PT cover for Mrs Prudence on Thursday pm and alternate Wednesday afternoons. This will take place after the October break LL to email.

Mrs Skee has left and a new cleaner and caterer is still to be found.

The Information Evening on 9th Sept was well attended.

LL reported that they are looking into changing the format of the Pupil profiles and splitting them into planning blocks with targets. These will be issued before the Parent Consultations. The Parent Consultations will take a new format with the children being part of the interview with an agenda and targets and next steps for the planning block.

School camp – so far the take up has been poor. LL asked if the price was an issue and this was agreed. It was mentioned that it had been discussed previously that after an expensive camp one year a cheaper camp would follow the next year. LL to make a final decision after the deadline had passed for deposits.

LL asked for an up to date list of parents who have been PVG.

AGM AND ADMIN MATTERS

IL has obtained a copy of the constitution. It states that each PC member will serve a 2 yr term of office and there should be a minimum of 3 and maximum 5 elected members.

Re-election and election of members: IL was re-elected as Chair, Helen Rawlinson and Pippa Murphy were elected as new members and Luke Dalrymple was elected in his absence as agreed. Jill Yates is an existing member.

Richard Hancock and IL were thanked for their time painting the playhouse in the school playground and with the left over paint there should be enough to paint the shed at the back.

ELAPCM

IL reported that there will be information sessions being run for parents explaining the new senior school exam qualifications.

Online payments have been rolled out to primary schools but not for school meals.

USEFUL LINKS

<http://www.parentforumscotland.org/> IL suggested that this was a worthwhile website to go to if you have any questions about the transition to senior school including exams and how they equate to O Grades etc.

AREA PARTNERSHIP

A named contact from each parent council is requested for the dissemination of information. IL volunteered. LL is on the council side for the Knox Area Partnership.

AOB

KP had submitted an entry for a competition to win £2000. The idea submitted was to provide a library within the school that could be accessed by the community. It was discussed that even if we were unsuccessful this was an idea that could be pursued.

Helen Rawlinson suggested PTA could fundraise to buy fiction / non fiction books for the school library. It was also suggested that Humble After School Club could perhaps help with updating of the library sorting books that are out of date etc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th January 2015 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

NB: There is a crèche available with Mrs Anderson, please ensure you inform her in good time of the meeting if you require her.