

Minutes of the meeting
Humbie Parent Council
1st May 2014
Held at Humbie Primary School

Present – Iain Lawrie (Chair), Lindy Lynn (Head Teacher), Nick McCormick, Helen Rawlinson, Luke Dalrymple, Sally Heaphy (Clerk)

Apologies – Jill Yates, Karen Torrens, Cllr Tom Trotter

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

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

The numbers for next year could be 21 (P1/2=4, P3/4/5 = 2 P6=7). If these numbers remain the same we will be given 0.5 2nd teacher, 4 mornings a week. LL and KP are currently interviewing. A drop in numbers would affect this.

Budget set 2014/15 there is little change.

East Lothian Primary Management Review – Deleting the post of Principal

Teacher – After consultations the Principle Teacher position will remain but there will be a cut in time out of class.

Upcoming Events

- School Camp
- Ross reads
- Transition Events for P1
- Children's University
- Queen's Baton Run – Evelyn Anderson and Kim Dyson to be carrying, route to be confirmed.
- Skipathon 23rd May
- Community Café – 30th May – Wishbone Appeal
- Tri-school Sports 18th June
- HATS/Sports Day at Humbie 26th June
- Co-operative Learning 13/14/15th August – All staff

Saltoun Primary School

Saltoun have asked LL to ask the Humbie parent body if they would be interested in sending the 9 older children to Saltoun to boost Saltoun's upper school. It was discussed and if it was to be considered Saltoun would have to send the equivalent amount of children back to Humbie from their junior end. On the whole it was agreed that various practical reasons which inc. transport, sibblings etc would not make this possible and Humbie PC agreed they would not be interested in pursuing.

AREA PARTNERSHIPS – WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR HUMBIE PARENT COUNCIL

Humbie Village is represented by the Haddington and Lammermuir Partnership but the Primary School comes under the Tranent School cluster which is covered by the Fa'side Area Partnership.

The attached link explains what the objective of the Area Partnerships will be. This will give a voice to communities, groups, schools etc with regard to the community planning in their area.

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/200135/east_lothian_partnership_priorities/1586/community_planning_in_east_lothian/2

CATCHMENT AREA – COMMUNITY COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

The issue of the catchment area of Humbie PS falling in the Fa'side Area Partnership whilst the village is actually within the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership has now been noted by the ELC and Humbie Community Council are putting forward a request to change the school catchment area to Haddington and Lammermuir Ward.

PTA & PARENT COUNCIL

It was discussed that the PTA and the Parent Council could become amalgamated this would save on insurances. The roles of the PTA and Parent Council are very different and it was felt that the Parent Council members did not want to take on the PTA role although if the PTA fails to elect members to run it, it would be reconsidered. LL to ask the PTA if they would want to merge.

DATA PROTECTION

It has been advised by ELC that verbal permission is not enough to use people's contact details. A signed form would be required. LL to send an email to all parents and Iain to draft the document.

ELAPCM Matters

Early Years - Following the 600 hours nursery provision proposed by the Scottish Governemnt. LL is waiting to hear back from ELC re. Humbie's proposal that Humbie's nursery hours are 8.50 – 12.00 Mon- Fri, the extra time will be covered by Mrs Wightman and Mrs Lowrie. This would run for a year and then consultation.

Food Hygiene Training 21-28 May – Iain to email PTA to see if anyone would be interested in going on the course.

NPFS – This is more relevant for larger/secondary schools. An annual event that is good for fundraising ideas etc. Iain to make up a list of useful links.

Support from the Start – ELC are offering courses to help parents. Iain to add links on to the School blog.

AOB

Nic asked if the school Google calendar could be updated to include the next session dates.

Ross Reads – Jill Yates was attending this during this PC meeting will hopefully report back.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thurs, 25th September – 6.00 – 8.00 pm.