

Humbie Parent Council Meeting
29th January 2013

Present – Iain Lawrie (Chair), Lindy Lynn (Head Teacher), Karen Prudence (Principal Teacher) Al Beck (Community Councillor), Claire Gaston, Nick McCormick, Lois Bayne-Jardine, Angela Morelli, Sally Heaphy

Apologies – Steph Chisholm, Jemma Carnie-Lincoln, Provost Ludovic Broun-Lindsay

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

1. Head Teacher's Report

LL expressed that the end of term nativity play had been a great success and probably one of the best nativity plays she had been involved with.

LL gave her apologies regarding the unfortunate 'crank' letter that had been sent at the end of term. But had looked at Humbie's security measures and had concluded that Humbie PS was pretty secure but extra measures would be implemented including locking the village hall door while the children were inside.

ELC have pledged to open all schools no matter what the weather. But LL wanted parents to know that although the school would be open regardless of the weather parents should not feel under pressure or obligated to send their children to school if they felt the roads were too dangerous and they should make their own judgement. LL to send an email reiterating this to parents.

Pupil profile drop-in session was cancelled due to the snow, but if parents wanted to discuss with LL or KP to please get in touch.

LL said the budget has a healthy 'carry-through' to next year and Rowena is hopefully going to be kept on until June 2013 and possibly until March 2014.

Miss Quinn, a student placement, has worked out well.

2. Letter to East Lothian council re teaching provision next year.

IL handed round a draft letter to Darrin Nightingale regarding the teaching provision for Humbie PS during the 2013/14 academic session. The letter was read by all present and it was agreed that the letter was well drafted and was clear and unemotional. AL suggested that projected pupil numbers could also be included for the following two years. IL to send the letter to ELC and await their response.

3. Recent Press Coverage re. Budget Cuts

AL handed out an article which had been reported in the Edinburgh Evening News stating rural schools could be closed due to the new budget proposals and mentioning Humbie and Saltoun. AL spoke to Michael Veitch, Depute Leader of the Council. He said 'Under no circumstances are rural schools up for closure'. LL confirmed that the school was not up for closure.

4. Date of Next Meeting - 16th April 2013.