

Humbie Primary School
Parent-Teacher Council Meeting
13th November 2019

Present: Kirsten Pearson (Principle Teacher), Alison Cameron (Head-Teacher), Caroline Kirk, Jennifer Edward, Christelle Baillie, Luke Dalrymple, Tom Trotter (Councillor), John McMillan (Councillor), Ian Young, Kevin Mackenzie (Depute Head)

Apologies: Tracy McCullagh, Craig Hoy (councillor), James McCann, Iain Lawrie

- 1) **Minutes** will be processed and sent to the parents and councillors once they have been approved by the Head Teacher and Parent Council Chair(s).
- 2) **Head Teacher's Report**
 - a) Welcomed Kevin Mackenzie to his first meeting
 - b) Mr Mackenzie will be taking approximately 3 weeks paternity leave from the end of November.
 - c) The school had an s4 pupil from Ross High – Denitza who enjoyed her time working with the children for work experience
 - d) Mrs Kings replacement will be a Grade 4 and a Grade 6 role will be positioned at Saltoun. This means the role will be re-advertised.
 - e) School Review will take place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November
 - f) Due to insurance and protection reasons all paid and volunteer staff at the school Breakfast club and After School Club must be PVGd.
 - g) Mrs Pearson will be leading P6s through sexual health and relationships class
 - h) Humbie will be part of the trialling of the SEEMIS Tracking system which tracks school children data through their school career – 3-18..
 - i) Humbie Fireworks was a massive success and it was great seeing the community and parents there.

3) Nursery Inactivity

The Parent Council are in the process of seeking legal advice surrounding the lack of transparency and information provided by ELC in regards to their decision to temporarily close the nursery. Efforts have been made through F.O.I. and requests to have meetings with Fiona Robertson regarding this and nothing has moved forward.

Applications for children to attend nursery at Humbie PS will be reviewed by the Education Department as part of their monitoring systems.

Action: Alison Cameron to ask at the centre if pupils unable to be admitted to Humbie due to inactivity will be notified and included in potential numbers when it is reviewed/re-opened.

Action: John McMillan to chase criteria and ask Fiona for a meeting and speak to Tracy McCullagh about her F.O.I. request.

4) Councillors

The councillors present at the meeting tonight would like to reiterate any issues or questions regarding ELC decisions can be presented to them at any time and do not need to be kept for Parent Council meetings. The example used during the meeting was that of Music Tuition for children in East Lothian and the capacity limit.

5) Reading Concerns

To alleviate concerns surrounding the reading curriculum within Humbie PS a Curriculum evening will be held in school for all parents after Christmas – date to be confirmed

K. Pearson also wished to note that should any individual families have concerns about their child's progress in reading to please feel free to speak to her directly. She is more than happy to discuss this with parents at any time.

6) Dates for your diary

- a. Humbie Box Office (HBO) – Children's night – How to train your dragon 3 – Friday 22nd November, Humbie Village Hall, 4:15 for 5pm start
- b. Hustings – in advance of the 12th Dec election a Hustings will take place in Saltoun Kirk on 2nd December at 7:30pm
- c. Humbie Winter Market – Humbie Village Hall – Saturday November 30th – 10am – 3pm

7) Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 6th February 2020

Recruitment – Current Vacancies

Administration Role – Grade 4 – 25 hours – Humbie PS