

Minutes of Meeting : Monday 12th May 2008

Janie Munro	√	Lynn Samson	√	Margaret Logan	√
Catherine Krizhanovsky	A	Martin Laycock	Apol	Margaret Barr	√
Colin Towler	√	Simon Bates	√	Gemma Wardlow	A
Gregory Kousourou	√	Steven McIntyre	A	Linzi Clark	A
Ian Matheson	A	Zoë Kean	√	Gordon Wilson	√
Jane Hunter	Apol	Seonaid MacRae	√		
Karen Taylor	A	Bob Cochrane	Apol		
Louise Kinloch	Apol	Ann Burke	Apol		

1. Rescheduling of Pastoral Care presentation.

Bob Cochrane unable to give presentation due to illness. The intention is that this will take place next session. The possibility of someone else from the pastoral care team doing the presentation was mooted. We are all familiar with Bob through his attendance at most meetings and this would give the Parent Council the chance to meet another team member.

2. Approval of minutes and matters arising.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

Fuel Zone: It has been agreed that improvements are required to the canteen, with input from Direct and Care Services. This will include a new frontage and new signs at the front of the canteen area and a contribution to dining room furniture. Mrs Barr informed the meeting that £5000 has also been allocated by Jim Wilson (Head of Administration) for dining hall furniture. This level of funding may also enable the school to make improvements to seating in one of the social areas. For the moment there will be no changes made to the kitchen area.

Toilets: Senior girls' toilets remain open. Mrs Barr assured Gordon Wilson that senior boys' toilets are also open. Hooks had still to be fitted on the back of the doors. Raymond Murdoch (NLC Business Manager) will pursue this.

Hand driers. Simon Bates asked Mrs Barr if she knew how much school currently spends on hand towels and exactly how many toilets are available for use in the school.

Colin Towler wondered if it would be worth finding out how many hand driers would be required in school and calculating the various costs of hand drying methods. Paper towels would still be required in classrooms.

Bins. Additional bins in operation beside playing fields and appear to be well used. Noted that there is still visible litter problem on Fetlar Drive approach to school.

PE Facilities. Agreed to return to this matter at a later date.

Pastoral care. Pastoral Care staff have ensured that their opening times/access details are more obvious to pupils by putting up extra notices in school.

Library Access. Some pupils had said that access to the library was limited and this was investigated. Librarian feels that access to library is adequate and that pupils make very good use of the facility.

It was agreed that we would revisit the list of issues raised by pupils at a later date.

3. Correspondence.

- Minutes of Simshill Community Council meeting. 31/03/08
- Minutes of Mount Florida Parent Partnership meeting. 28/04/08. It was noted that there was reference to funding sources for wildlife garden and Simon Bates agreed to approach MFPP for further information with a view to sourcing funding for the Eco Group's plans for improving the school's environment.
- Copies of Backchat distributed.

4. School News.

Margaret Barr reported on school news:

- The Leavers' Do Committee had this afternoon held a very successful 'graduation' ceremony where every leaver had been presented with a certificate of achievement. Gordon Wilson, school captain, had led the Committee in staging an event with excellent organisation. MB thanked Margaret Logan, DHT, for her support of this group. The Parent Council approved financial support of £103 for pens and another amount (to be confirmed by Gordon Wilson to Colin Towler) for other general expenses.
- There had been a very successful talent competition just before the spring holiday.
- The Baldy Bane Theatre Company had staged a presentation of Cyberspyder, a play about internet safety, to an audience of pupils in King's Park, along with invited guests from all over Scotland. That evening, 4 pupils had appeared on STV talking about internet safety. A link had been put on the school website.
- Science staff had reached the finals of a national B&Q competition to win a wind turbine, and there would be a site visit next day.
- The Plant Sale would take place on Saturday 17 May. All in hand, thanks to Seonaid MacRae.
- Two music projects in partnership with Stow College were nearing fruition. Imagine Records would launch their CD (recorded by King's Park pupils and staff) at a concert on 17 June in school. Riot Van Records would launch their CD (recorded by bands selected by the group) at an event on 12 June in the ABC2 Sauchiehall Street.
- Cameron McNeish had sent his heartfelt apologies for having to cancel as principal guest at the prizegiving. He had to record a documentary with the BBC which had to be recorded that week.
- The timetable restructure was back underway again, following EIS agreement that it would be launched in session 2009-10. The 25 period week would

continue for one more session only. Staff and pupil consultations had resumed. It was agreed that the parent meeting should be held at the same time as the Parent Council AGM, which was set for 1 September.

- The school budget had been very severely restricted, in line with budget cuts in local authorities all over Scotland. There was a discussion about the adverse effect which this could have on children's education. MB would provide figures.
- The school was required to prepare a policy on the use of Mobile Phones. MB invited any interested parent to be involved in the writing of a draft policy for consultation. Lynn Samson and Simon Bates offered to assist.

5. Sub Group updates/plant sale.

- Leaflets advertising plant sale on 17th May handed out to distribute to local community.
- Gordon Wilson presented draft of School Captains' Survey. The final copy will be available on the school website. Council agreed it was an excellent piece of work.

6. Any Other Business.

- Simon Bates reported on 'Looked After Children Policy' Identified the policy as an attempt to ensure more effective cohesion between the work of all agencies involved in the care of affected children, including education, health, social services. The Parent Council recognised the importance of corporate parenting and welcomed the policy. The deadline for our response to the policy is 29th May and Simon Bates will draft this.
- King's Park Parent Council Community Award. The council considered all the nominations for this award and decided to award the prize to 6th year pupil Stuart McKay who has made an outstanding contribution to the school community in a number of ways. Colin Towler will purchase a quach and have it engraved in time for the award ceremony. It was agreed that all the other candidates should be informed that they had been nominated for the award.
- Simon Bates had met with Clare Harker about improving the grounds of the school, making it greener, more attractive, making better use of the outdoor social spaces etc.
- Pointed out that on website the pastoral care access times are missing. This will be attended to by Mrs Barr.
- Glasgow Parent Council forum meeting on Tuesday 20th May, 6.30pm for 7pm.at Wheatley House, Cochrane Street.
- The planned powerpoint report from Seonaid MacRae of her attendance at the SPCA conference was held over until the June meeting.

7. Next Meeting: June 16th.