# MINUTE OF MATTOCKS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING ON 24 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30 PM

# **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The following were in attendance:-

Gill Brady Anita Hutcheon
Gillian Kettles Amy Rogers
Ruth Dunbar Alison Tindal

Karen Gerrard

Jo Whaite

Fiona Brownlee Sandra Donnachie

Apologies were received from Lisa Ramsay, Janice Fyffe, Claire Bee,

Tracey Nicol, Michelle Pirie, Vikki Nicoll and Margaret Clark.

# **Active Schools Co-ordinator**

Fiona Brownlee introduced Jo Whaite, Active Schools Co-ordinator for the Monifieth Cluster schools. Jo advised that the Sport Relief Mile is being held at Monifieth High School on Sunday 25 March 2012. She encouraged anyone to enter either as a family or an individual. Jo also advised that space was available for the Parent Council to run a stall at the event with the funds being split equally between Sport Relief and school. Grange Primary School are running a cake and candy stall. If we wish to participate please contact Jo. Gill Brady to check if there are any volunteers and suggestions for a stall.

# MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The minutes were proposed by Gill Brady and seconded by Amy Rogers.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

# **Christmas Disco**

Everyone agreed that both discos had been enjoyed by all the children that came, well done and thank you to everyone who helped.

#### **Christmas Cards**

The Christmas Cards were a great success and parents/carers were very pleased with the children's designs, the cards raised a total of £120.01. Maybe start a bit earlier with the designs next time so it is not so rushed.

# Scottish Evening

This was a great success again this year, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it raised an amazing £430.55. Again, thank you to everyone who helped on the night and well done to the children for their performances.

# **Easter Chick Drive**

The Easter Chick Drive is to be held in the school hall on Thursday 22 March 2012 for all children and parents. More details will follow.

#### **Strike Action**

Angus Council schools were on holiday on the November strike day.

**ACTION** 

Gill Brady

Fiona Brownlee

# **Festive Evening**

The 2 festive evenings were greatly enjoyed by all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who came. The children and teachers had worked very hard. It was suggested that this could be held in Wellbank Hall in future to give more room.

#### PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Unfortunately, no one was available to attend the meeting on 26 October, 2011 at Woodlands Primary School, Carnoustie. The minutes of this meeting are available on Parent Council Blog.

There is another meeting between the Senior Management Team and representatives of coastal school Parent councils on Tuesday 28 February 2012 at St Thomas Primary School, Arbroath between 7.15 pm and 9.30 pm. No one at the meeting was available to attend, Gill Brady to e-mail other parents to see if anyone else can attend.

# **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

# **Early Years Practitioner**

Mrs Gillian Kettles had been appointed to the post of Early Years Practitioner in the school.

# **Head Teacher**

Mrs Brownlee will be retiring on 24 April, 2012. The Parent Council expressed their thanks to Mrs Brownlee for all her hard work over the years she has been at Mattocks Primary School.

# **Commission on Rural Education**

Notification had been received that a Public Meeting regarding the Commission on Rural Education will be held in Whitehills Primary School, Fyfe Street, Forfar at 7.30 pm on Monday, 26 March 2012. Gill Brady indicated that she would attend the meeting.

# **Broad General Education**

A letter had been received from Neil Logue, Director of Education, clearly stating Angus Council's position regarding Currriculum for Excellence and emphasising the Council's commitment to the importance of a broad general education.

#### **Parent Council Blog**

Reminder that variety of information is available on:https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/AngusParentCouncilGroup/ The blog is updated regularly.

New short films have been published on Curriculum for Excellence for parents on the Engage for Education website at <a href="https://www.engageforeducation.org/cfefilms">www.engageforeducation.org/cfefilms</a>. The films illustrate, in nursery/primary/secondary learners', parents' and teachers' own words, the kind of impact and benefits that CfE is having across the country.

# DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 19 April 2012 at 7.30 pm in Cath Rennie's

Gill Brady

