

MINUTE OF MATTOCKS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING ON 31 JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30 PM

	ACTION
<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES The following were in attendance:- Tracey Nicol Karen Gerrard Amy Mutten Sarah-Jane Baldwin</p> <p>Georgina Mallie Kirsten Macdonald Lisa Allan Sandra Donnachie</p>	
<p>Apologies were received from Gill Brady , Sandra Chadwick, Susan Hutchinson, Claire Bee, Vikki Nicoll, and Janice Fyffe.</p>	
<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The minutes were proposed by Tracey Nicol and seconded by Amy Mutten.</p>	
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p><u>Outdoor Area</u> The funding for the outdoor area will be investigated further in the near future.</p>	<p>Gill Brady</p>
<p><u>Dog Fouling</u> The Eco Council had discussed this matter again and were keen to make new posters to highlight the problem. Mrs Mallie was to arrange for the dog warden and local press to come to school on the day the posters are to be put up.</p>	<p>Georgina Mallie</p>
<p><u>Sports Day</u> Sports Day for this year is to be held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 and this is the day the barbecue lunch has been booked for. If however the weather is inclement then the second attempt will be on Thursday 12 June 2014 without the barbecue but parents could bring a picnic lunch on this day as the barbecue is only available on the first date.</p>	
<p><u>Parent Council Representative Meeting</u> The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at Langlands Primary School, Forfar however no one was available to attend the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Feedback From Pupil Council</u> Mrs Mallie advised that the P7 leaving party would go ahead hopefully in the Wellbank Hall. Community Police Officer Steve Wilson is a DJ and Mrs Mallie was to ask if he would be available to do the disco. The P7's were to run a tuck shop to help raise funds for this event, it was hoped that this would be up and running in the near future.</p>	<p>Georgina Mallie</p>
<p><u>School Handbook</u> The 2 members of the Parent Council duly helped to review part of the school handbook and the updated handbook is now available on Angus Council website and the school website. Thank to those</p>	

parents who helped with this task.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concerts were greatly enjoyed by parents and children and the raffle run by Parent Council had raised £125.

M & M Productions

M & M Productions visited the school on Monday 16 December 2013 and performed Peter Pan, all the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Parent Council Training

Tracey Nicol is to attend the training event on 12 February for all Parent Council members and is being led by the Scottish Parent Teacher Council, in partnership with Angus Council. If anyone would like to attend please contact Gill Brady.

Wellbank Hall

The new committee for Wellbank Hall was elected on Tuesday 26 November 2013 and we look forward to working with them.

PARENT COUNCIL AIMS

Gill Brady was to email Parent Council members with ideas for amending the aims and feedback these at the next meeting.

HOMEWORK POLICY REVIEW

Questionnaires had been completed by parents and pupils on how to improve homework and a consultation group had met with Mrs Mallie to give feedback a draft policy had now been formed.

The new Home Learning starts on Monday 3 February 2014 with a leaflet being issued to parents giving a summary of the draft policy.

The draft Policy will run till June 2014 when it will be reviewed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Active Schools Co-ordinator

Jo Whaite, Active School Co-ordinator was unable to attend this meeting but had provided information about the Sport Relief mile being held at Monifeth High School on Sunday 23 March 2014. She asked if the Parent Council would run a stall at the event to raise money for Sport Relief and the school. Tracey Nicol to speak to Jo Whaite next Monday.

Valentine Night

The Wellbank Hall are having a Family Valentine Night on Saturday 15 February 2014. Tickets are available at the door on the night, all welcome.

Easter

The Parent Council asked if prizes were required for any Easter challenges this year, like the Easter bonnet competition last year. The school had not decided yet, maybe an Easter Chick drive or another activity. More details will follow.

Supported School Review

Mrs Mallie informed that the school would have Supported School Review on the 24 and 25 March 2014. This is undertaken by Angus Council and some parents will be asked to participate, their help would be greatly appreciated.

Georgina Mallie

Tracey Nicol

After School Clubs

Parents advised that the children are greatly enjoying the out of school clubs that run. Tracey Nicol and Vikki Nicoll are to run a Multi-Activity Club on Mondays for P3 and P4 from 10 February 2014.

Safety at Home Time

Parents raised concerns about cars/taxis reversing/turning in the hatched area at the school gate at home time and also parents reversing/stopping in the lane when the children are coming out of school, especially now that all the children leave at the same time. Mrs Mallie thanked them for bringing their concerns and agreed to speak to the taxi drivers and Lesley Eaton, Schools Travel Co-ordinator. She advised that a letter would be sent home to parents from the school and the Pupil Council.

Pauline Stephen, Head of Schools and Learning

A letter had been received from Pauline Stephen, Head of Schools and Learning introducing herself and inviting Parent Council Chairs to meet her on Tuesday 25 February 2014 from 7-9 pm in Training Rooms A, B and C, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar. Letter to be forwarded to Gill Brady.

Parent Council Blog

Reminder that variety of information is available on:-

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/AngusParentCouncilGroup/>

The blog is updated regularly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the school.



Georgina Mallie

Gill Brady