

NEWBIGGING PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2013 AT 6.15PM

Present: Kathryn Foot, Paul Donaldson, Gillian Alcorn, Diane Melvin, Lynsey Milne, Craig Nugent, Lorna Rogers, Ashley Thomson, Monika Turkiewicz, Lesley Milloy, Anne Bruce

Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Action

Disco – the feedback on the Halloween was very good and the children all had a great time. Kathryn thanked the staff for attending and dressing up. After expenses approximately £25 was raised.

Golf lessons – Angus Council sent a PVG form to the golf professional in May, which has not been returned. Paul to chase up.

Paul

Nursery – the work being carried out on the nursery has now been completed and the children are back in the building.

Lesley told the PC about some of the items on the teachers' wish lists. These include flip cameras, new books for the library, paired reading materials and a digital camera for the nursery. Piers Foot will help research technology.

Piers

Parent Council Training

There are various training events for Parent Council members being held by Angus Council over the next few months. Craig volunteered to attend the event in Forfar on Thursday 21st November.

Craig

Playground Supervision

Lesley outlined plans to change Anne's role to be more classroom assistant and less playground supervision. With the presence of an adult in the playground children are not learning the skills to sort out problems. Ground rules will be set out for the children, for example no going out of the playground for balls etc, and ensuring that the gates are kept closed at all times. Lesley to arrange for Emma Thomas, Active Schools Co-ordinator, to train children interested in being playground buddies. Children will also have the opportunity to be trained as door and phone monitors. Lesley will feedback after a 2 week trial period. Anyone who wishes to discuss this new strategy should contact Lesley directly.

Lesley

Photographer

Anne outlined the changes being made with regard to this year's school photographs. A new photographer, Ron Cathro, has been booked, who will charge a one-off fee for his time. A local company will print our orders.

Cookbook

Kathryn and Craig met in the school to discuss the cookbook which is to be produced as a fundraiser. Craig has volunteered to put together the cookbook. Kathryn, Lynsey, Monika and Craig volunteered to type up the recipes. The cookbook will be mainly printed in black and white, with a few colour pages to keep costs down. The possibility of a version on CD was discussed. Ron Cathro to be asked to take a photograph of the children under the new mosaic for the cover of the cookbook. Price proposed will hopefully be £3 each or 2 for £5.00.

Parent Council

Christmas Concert

Kathryn asked Lesley if any help was needed for the Christmas concert. Lesley will ask the teachers what help/support they would like from parents. Ashley hopes to be able to make gifts for sale again this year following their success last Christmas. She will be allocated a table in the room that tea/coffee will be served in. Murray's dad to be asked to take photographs of the concert.

Lesley

Ashley

Gillian

A note will be sent out asking parents for items for the Christmas hamper raffle. Raffle tickets will also be sent home for selling prior to the event. Kathryn to organise hamper.

Kathryn, Parent Council

Christmas Party

Kathryn outlined to Lesley what normally happens at the Christmas party with regards to gifts. The Parent Council will still source selection boxes and help with presents. Anne to send PC members a breakdown of pupils by boys/girls and ages, as well as a price limit.

Parent Council

Anne

Sound System

Diane suggested the purchase of a sound system for use at discos/concerts etc. Paul and Piers Foot will source. The purchase will be made through school funds to enable us to reclaim the VAT.

Parent Council

Crossing Patrol

Lynsey outlined her concerns about children crossing School Road. Due to the layout of the road, children have to step off the kerb to see if any cars are coming. Lesley will speak to Wilma to see if a solution can be found, and contact Craig Smith, Law & Admin at Angus Council, for advice.

Lesley

Cars are still going through the village too fast. The Parent Council to put pressure on to get flashing warning lights installed. Various members to get in touch with any contacts they have who may be able to help.

Emails

The size of the school mailbox was raised. This is a problem experienced by other schools, however the size of the mailbox will not be increased by Angus Council. Lesley brought up the amount of emails being sent out by Anne reminding parents of information they have already been given. The

next newsletter will remind parents of their responsibility to read information emailed home and to check their children's schoolbags for notes. It is hoped that in future less reminders will need to be emailed home.

Lesley

Any Other Business

Lorna advised the meeting that the Community Council had received £43,000 funding to help reinstate the path between Newbigging and Monikie which will provide a safe route to walk/cycle between the 2 villages. Work is scheduled to start in March 2014.

Lesley then provided her Head Teacher's report, copy attached.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.