

## NEWBIGGING PARENT COUNCIL

### MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2015, AT 6.30PM

Present: Craig Nugent, Ann-Margaret Whyte, Lesley Milloy, Gemma O'Neill, Anne Bruce

Apologies: Gillian Alcorn, Kathryn Foot, Diane Melvin, Lynsey Milne, Lesley Murray, Lorna Rogers, Ashley Thomson

#### **Valentine's Disco**

It was decided to ask the children if they would like to join the Monikie pupils at Monikie Community Hall for a disco on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. If not a separate disco will be held in the school hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If a joint disco is chosen then the evening will be split with Nursery –P3 having an early party, and P4-7 having their party afterwards. The issue of parents getting children up to the hall was raised, and it was felt this should not be a problem if parents get together to share lifts.

#### **Action**

Staff

It was decided that staff will organise the disco including games, food etc. Anne to ask parents for volunteers to get involved on the night. Craig to also put on Facebook. Parents will then be contacted if their help is required.

Staff

Anne/Craig

#### **Reporting Format**

Lesley outlined the change of format for the year end reports, and handed out an example. Every school in Angus will be following the same format. The new reports will all include literacy, numeracy, and health & wellbeing, however teachers can add information about subjects they feel a child has done particularly well at, eg science, music. The reports must be individualised and cover what a child has learnt.

At the moment there is no area for children to put in their comments. Lesley to put this on a separate page along with the box for parents comments.

#### **Scooter Boards**

Due to increased concern from some parents and one or two accidents lately, scooter boards are now banned.

#### **Icy Conditions**

Craig contacted Angus Council about the lack of gritting of paths in the current cold weather, and received a generic reply. The rest of the Parent Council will be consulted on next steps. Craig is going to write to John Bow at Tayside Contracts for clarification on who is responsible for gritting.

Craig

Lesley pointed out that due to cutbacks when the streets are getting gritted the gritters do not come into the car park. She also said that Angus Council will no longer be painting the white lines on the grass for sports day. The possibility of the janitor doing this is to be looked into.

Anne

**Glow**

The current situation with Glow is that we have logon information for children, and Mrs Patullo is in the process of getting passwords. This takes a long time, and then the teachers have to sit with each child to change their password. Once everything is in place a page will be set up with links, and once children are familiar with it information will be sent home.

Teachers

**Facebook**

Lesley is unable to access the Parent Council Facebook page as she can't find a "friend request" on the page. At present it is a closed group so only parents can read it, and parents and staff must be invited. Staff would prefer an open group and wish to know what the Facebook page is to be used for.

To be put on agenda for next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 7.45pm.