

DEANSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

29/4/15 6.30PM @ SCHOOL

Agenda Item	
Present	Shona MacLeod, Michelle Stewart, Laura Douglas, Jillian MacDonald, Anne Armstrong, Lindy Hutchison, Kerry Worbey (left 7.30pm), Caroline Lothian (arrived 7.30pm), Angela Maxwell
Apologies	Pamela Sandy
Matters arising from last meeting	<p><u>Minute Taker</u> Mrs Maxwell has agreed to take the minutes until a new secretary has been appointed after the next AGM</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> Approved and seconded from last meeting (Kerry and Angela)</p>
Office bearers meeting	<p><u>Equipment</u> PC has a copy of the ROSPA inspection of play equipment – there was no remedial work to be done – there has been discussion around what was agreed at the time the equipment was installed in the playground with differing views about the maintenance agreement at the time. Shona recommended that she and Angela meet to formulate agreement that the school will undertake visual inspection of equipment and PC will pay for any remedial work to be done. Laura seconded this.</p> <p><u>SPTC</u> SPTC has provided 1 year free insurance; this will come to an end in August. Shona has investigated insurance costs and our previous insurance company cannot match the price that SPTC would charge to continue with their company at the end of the trial period. Shona recommended that we stay with SPTA and Anne seconded.</p> <p><u>PVG</u> PVG certificates have come through for Michelle and Jillian. Lindy's has still to be sent out. No invoice has yet been received.</p> <p><u>Banking</u> £234.96 raised at quiz night bringing the total in the bank to £1400, most of this money has been committed.</p> <p>Caroline informed us that there is the option to have a debit card and internet banking, after discussion, there was a vote and it was agreed that there should be debit cards x 2 (treasurer and chair) and internet banking (treasurer only). (4:0 in favour). It was also agreed that there should be a limit of £300 applied to the debit cards (4:0 in favour).</p> <p>* Office Bearers could not vote as this was a recommendation following the Office Bearers Meeting and Kerry Worbey had left the meeting by this point.</p>
Head teacher's report	<p><u>Equipment</u> PC has a copy of the ROSPA inspection of play equipment – there was no remedial work to be done (see above)</p> <p><u>Uniforms</u> Passed on information about a new company willing to supply uniforms to Parent Council Chairs – next step – will ask rep for samples to see quality and ask parents for feedback</p> <p><u>End of Day</u> As part of the Travel Plan that Beverley had to complete, there is a question about which doors the children use to exit the school at the end of the day – would the side doors help reduce congestion at the main entrance?</p> <p>This led to a discussion about congestion outside the school at 3p.m. Agreed to trial dismissing P1-3 pupils in playground, P4-7 from school as usual with a reminder that they should return to school if they are expecting to be met in the playground and there is no one there. Angela will also, respectfully, ask parents not to stand on the road at 3 p.m. as this can be an issue. We will review these actions next session.</p>

	<p><u>Quadrangle</u> Angela spoke to Beverley and the list of items she provided was aspirational, she would have liked some of these items – not all. Lorraine however would like new playground bin if money is available. We'd be looking to have a school grounds day with parent volunteers to help move unwanted items to the dump and help set up the quadrangle.</p> <p>Lindy and (hopefully) Jamie Crombie's dad will help with a school grounds day. Plan to clear the quadrangle before the summer and then have another day in September when we can install new equipment and access quadrangle as an outdoor classroom.</p> <p><u>Web site</u> Angela wanted to say a huge big thanks to Shona for the web-site – it looks amazing. Also to acknowledge the immense support that the school receives from the Parent Council – we are very very lucky!</p> <p><u>Prize giving</u> A parent has raised some concerns that pupil prizes are seen as a popularity contest; this worries some of the children. We ARE going to change a couple of things this year...should this be one of them? After discussion, it was agreed that Angela will consult the children about this.</p> <p><u>Leavers Gift</u> Schools in our Learning Community have agreed that all P7s should be given a MHS tie as a leaving gift – Angela will inform parents.</p>
School Awards	See Head teacher's Report
After School Clubs	<p>Anna Clark wrote to Active Stirling re lack of (paid for) after school clubs; there was a reply to the letter but it didn't deal with this point and the enquiry was passed on. There is however now a Friday Athletics club run by Active Stirling which may be in response.</p> <p>After school clubs have been very well attended in school this session. Caroline and Michelle are both keen to continue with cake decorating/baking next session. Anyone interested in running a club should speak to a member of the PC or the school.</p>
School Discos	<p>Caroline and Michelle have researched lights on the internet and out the options to the PC. The vote was 6:0 in favour of non-laser lights.</p> <p>If they are left in school, they will be PAT tested annually as part of Stirling Council Rolling Programme.</p> <p>The first Disco will be on 11th June 6.30-8.00.</p>
Outdoor Learning Space	<p>The intention is to apply for grants that are not community based as the quadrangle can only be accessed from inside the school. (Persimmon and the Windfarm Trust)</p> <p>Caroline and Angela will liaise about this.</p>
Website	Design and content now complete. Anna Clark proof reading then new website can go live.
School Parking Issues	See Head teacher's report
AOCB	<p>Query raised over replacement lower school teacher – supply teacher in place until the end of term 4, the post has not yet been advertised.</p> <p>It was agreed that there will be a brief meeting re disco – 27th May in school.</p>