

**MINUTES OF DEANSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING
Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 6.30pm in Deanston Primary
School**

Present: Shona MacLeod, Michelle Stewart, Caroline Lothian, Jillian MacDonald, Pamela Sandy, Lindy Crawford, Catherine Fletcher, Marie Savage, Angela Maxwell

Apologies: Anne Armstrong, Charlene McLean, Laura Douglas

Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes were proposed by Shona MacLeod and seconded by Michelle Stewart.
Matters Arising	It was reported that Vanessa Jones had contacted Stirling Council requesting new half-sized wheelie bins but that she was still waiting to hear back from them. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to get the Eco-Group to write to the Council to try and persuade them further. If this is not successful the Parent Council would still be willing to purchase the bins.
Request for a Grant or Purchase	Pamela Sandy requested for a grant to be submitted or a purchase to be made to enable to buy 10-12 netballs at roughly £5 per ball. Pamela informed that she could get a discount from Gilbert and that she would get back to the Parent Council with a proper price, however it was voted unanimously (6:0) that the balls could be paid for straight from the Parent Council bank account, as long as the amount was under £100.
Head Teacher's Report	Angela shared the priorities of the School for 2015/16 (see September newsletter). She also highlighted that the roll at present was 38 children, and that the school has a capacity for 70 children. Thus, there would be no requirement for an extra teacher anytime soon. Angela informed that for safety due to the darker nights that the lower school would now be dismissed from the lower playground main entrance. A trial whereby the upper school leave school from the side door would also take place between Monday 28 th September and the October break. Guidelines regarding cycling to school would also be issued to parents.
Outdoor Learning Space	Caroline informed the Parent Council that she had plans from the children as to how they would like the space to be and what they would like in it, with a caterpillar, bean bags and storage being the common suggestions. It was discussed that fundraising or using existent funds would be more sensible rather than submitting any grants. Caroline agreed to price these things and it would be voted on at the Christmas Fayre Meeting. Lindy suggested creating a Human Sun Dial in the playground – Angela is going to look into this and suggest the idea to the Eco-group.

Christmas Fayre	<p>The Fayre is to be held on 21st November 2015 from 12-2pm. A separate meeting for planning, delegating and voting will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 6.30pm in the School. A raffle donations letter would be available electronically from Shona via the Facebook page, and printed copies would be made available in the School.</p> <p>It was discussed that there would be some changes to the current format of the Christmas Fayre, with the possibility of dropping any 'jumble sale' items. This would allow a Jumble Sale/Silent Auction to be held on a Saturday in January or February in conjunction with a Coffee Morning.</p>
Any Other Current Business	<p>The possibility of holding a Halloween Disco for the children was suggested. A possible date proposed was Thursday 29th October. This would be voted on at the next meeting.</p> <p>Caroline also suggested the buying of black-out blinds for the School hall at some point in the future.</p>
Meeting Closed	7.55pm.