

## **MINUTES OF STRATHBLANE P.S. PARENT COUNCIL MEETING - 26/04/11**

1. In attendance: A. Spencer, S. Mylles, C. Baume, P. Brogan, A. Campbell, S. Byles, E. Forrest, L. Breslin, S. Ure, J. McCutcheon, S. Logan, T. Leven, P. Smith, M. McCarron, S. Klenka, J. Park, A. Horrocks, K. Jones, L. Brittain, M. Malcomson (clerk to PC).
2. Apologies: W. Hamilton, V. Mackay.
3. Formal business: Minutes of last meeting had been sent to all members for comment. Minutes approved and accepted.
4. Composite class workshop: Sandra Logan explained that composite classes were to be formed due to staff allocation and school roll. She emphasised that organisation of learning to meet a child's need and not class age needs already exists in the school. Composite classes will be assessed on a yearly basis. Sandra will produce a booklet to help with transition for pupils and parents. Traci Leven asked about impact on management if Anne Spencer (depute head) had to teach a class. Sandy suggested that Sandra ask staff how parents can help. Sandra to action. Alan Campbell asked how the school was to retain "good" teachers and aid continuity, considering that there are 5 temporary members of staff. After some discussion it was decided that an official letter from the Parent Council, expressing concerns about possible redeployment of staff, would be sent to Joanne Scott (Depute Head of Education). Sandy to action this.
5. PC & Fundraisers Update:

**Road safety update** - Christine Baume encouraged members to attend the community council meeting on 09/05/11, concerning A81 road safety, and to continue to log incidents and sign petition.

**Sports** - Traci Leven reported that parents would be needed to help with Sports Week (06/06/11).

**Dog Fouling** - Sandra encouraged parents to be vigilant about dog faeces in playground and garden. Members felt that the Community Council should be involved, particularly as one dog seems to be causing problems. Sandra will contact them. Anne Horrocks offered to write an article for The Blane.

**School uniform** - Mandy McCarron asked if there was a uniform policy. Sandra encouraged uniformity as much as possible. Some members felt that uniform had to be clarified before the new term. Sarah Klenka, Mandy McCarron and Vicky Aitchison offered to come up with a proposal.

**P.C. Election** - there are 7 members on the Parent Council. 5 members will step down at the end of this term and 1 will be seconded for work for one year, leaving 1 member (Jenny Park). After discussion the objective was to have 6 new members in place by next PC meeting (15/06/11). Sandy, Traci and Libby offered to coordinate nominations and election. Traci suggested that all PC members could nominate one person. Traci said that she was happy to remain involved in extra curricular sports.

**Parental Involvement-** Mandy Malcomson reported that parent class “reps” were continuing to form class email groups. These groups will be sent requests for help with the Summer Fair (as a trial run).

**Music Provision** – Mandy Malcomson reported that a request for parental interest in extra curricular music has been sent out. Members also suggested putting a request in The Blane or on community website.

**MUGA** – Sandra read a letter from Pam Campbell (received 4/4/11) asking for clarity on PC position concerning MUGA. It was discussed that MUGA has not been on PC agenda this year and it was agreed that PC do not want to take the lead on this at present, due to previous issues with maintenance responsibility and insurance.

6. School Report: Sandra reported that Stirling Council was putting together a Behaviour Policy. Paul Brogan agreed to approach some parents to feedback for consultation on this.  
A repeat of “Promoting Positive Relationships and Behaviour” workshop will take place on 13/05/11.  
The school had to pay for residual grit used during the winter months.  
Consent forms for Scripture Union are now in place.  
Sandra advised parents to look at proposed school holiday changes on Stirling Council website.  
Sandra asked that school improvement planning be put on next agenda.  
Anne Spencer reported that pupil council would like to expand the Adventure Trail.
7. Treasurer’s Report: **£5663.53** in account (£2000 to be used for Summer Fair expenses).
8. Spending Requests: Anne Spencer provided a quote for willow tunnel (£950) for the Nursery Garden.  
Request was made for another interactive white board for Early Years (£3000).  
Money made from Rag Bag (approx £300) to be used for outdoor play equipment.  
All requests will be assessed at next meeting, after amount made at Summer Fair is known.
9. A.O.C.B: Libby suggested that lack of good amplification at school performances/pantomime should be assessed, with view to purchase a better P.A. system. Mandy Malcomson will ask John Campbell about this.  
Staff indicated that they may have to ask for increased parent/community involvement with next years pantomime due to changes in staffing levels.
10. Sandy closed meeting at 9:30pm, thanking everyone for coming.  
The date of the next meeting was set for **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 at 7:15pm.**

