

St John's Primary School Parent Council
Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 22nd August 2012

Present

Tamsin Graham, June Gribbin, Alison Irvine, Monica Clemente, Susannah McIntosh, Anne Graham, Fiona Moffat, Alison Hope, Janace Telfer, Roselyn Murphy, Ellenor Walker, Kirstine Noble, Jill McLellan, Janet Paton, Monica Lennon (Councillor)

Apologies

Jennifer Robb, Susan Gemmell, Gayle Baxter, Lynn Adams

Copies to

Janet Wilson, Fiona Queen, Anne Mitchell, Gordon Peters, Stephen Black, Linda McInnes, Joanne Cunningham, Jean McInerney, Angela Wardlaw, Wendy Walker, Fiona Ibell, Davie McLachlan, Lynn Adams

Susannah welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies Were made as noted above.</p>	
2	<p>Approval of previous minutes The minutes of 23rd April 2012 were approved by Alison and seconded by Roselyn. The following comments were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) School uniforms – the streamlining of uniforms to one colour of jumper for example. Due to the timing it was decided that any changes would come into effect next year with parents being polled about their preferences after xmas. It was agreed that the extent of any changes would be added to the agenda of the next meeting. b) School photographs – this year we have opted to change to Ryan Mimiec, 10th/11th September, with a new format. Samples will be issued prior to purchase. c) School website etc – the contract which was up for renewal has been awarded to RM. This ensures continuity and GLOW has been reinstated. The school website has been completed and will go live at the end of September. d) The P5 email trial was a success. This will be extended to the whole school after the data envelopes have been returned and info entered into the system. This will help reduce paperwork considerably. The school will continue to text in emergencies only. e) Snow Buddies – letters will go out asking parents to advise contact details after the October week. 	S Mcl
3	<p>Introduction to new staff/parent council members Everyone introduced themselves, and we were happy to welcome two new families:- Lynsey and Peter Coyle who have Jamie in P1, and Joanne Carroll who has Millie in P1. We also welcomed Monica Lennon, one of our local councillors who was elected in May.</p>	
4	<p>Appointment of Office Bearers After some discussion, the following appointments were made: Chair: Susannah McIntosh Vice Chair : Tamsin Graham Treasurer : Janet Paton (Anne will liaise with Lorna (prev. Treasurer) re bank details etc) Clerk : Anne Graham</p>	AG

5	<p>Travel Plan</p> <p>It has been confirmed that the bus stop will not be moved. A health and safety audit of the car park will take place on the 30/8 by Shaun Farrell. The proposed closing of the school gates at 3pm caused far too much disruption. It was suggested that we again seek the campus policeman's input.</p> <p>The Park & Stride initiative will continue to be promoted. P1 parents have an open afternoon on the 28th August, and it will be highlighted to them.</p> <p>Walk to school week commences on the 10th September, and we will have Marion from Kerbcraft speaking to the children.</p> <p>Following the meeting, an email was received from Angela Wardlaw expressing concern over the state of the stairs at the bent. The trees are so overgrown they are hitting the children's head, and there are also some nettles in them which are dangerous. Council contacted and work to be carried out this week.</p>	AH
6	<p>2011/2012 Annual Report</p> <p>No responses were received following issue of this.</p> <p>Suggested that within the next newsletter we ask again.</p>	AG
7	<p>2011/2012 School Budgets</p> <p>Alison confirmed that £1500 donation had been received from First Direct for the Garden and mosaic. Another £2000 donation had been received from Tesco.</p> <p>The amphitheatre seating for the garden has been ordered. A panto has been booked for the 4th December (Peter Pan – in school) which costs £450.</p> <p>We received lots of grants last year and will continue to apply for more this year.</p> <p>New reading schemes – we now have a complete package for lower school and plan to complete the upper school this year. Also wish to supplement the 10 copies of each book. This should cost about £2000.</p> <p>Assessments for language were purchased last year with additional ones on order. All schools in the learning community are using the same testing. This will give a base line for every pupil.</p> <p>As part of the school improvement plan the pace of maths is being addressed. New resources will be required, and assessments are available which we are aiming to purchase 2013/2014. One of the in-service days is being used for this.</p> <p>Other funds will be used for Parties/Ceilidh, Burns celebration etc.</p>	
8	<p>2012/2013 Events Programme</p> <p>See attached sheet.</p>	
9	<p>Dates for future meetings</p> <p>Monday 8th October</p> <p>Monday 14th January</p> <p>Monday 22nd April</p>	
10	<p>School Trips</p> <p>Residential trip – we have a smaller P7 class this year so may propose joining up with Quarter or Beckford primary. School are reluctant to use Ardentinny again due to admin issues. Are currently looking at alternatives.</p>	
11	<p>Agenda Items</p> <p>Everyone happy with items covered. School uniform discussion to be added to next meeting agenda.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Question raised over older children not having tables to eat packed lunches. No storage space or additional tables at present. School to look into.</p>	AH/JT