

**St. John's Primary School Parent Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2012**

**Present**

Angela Wardlaw, Monica Clemente, Jean McInerney, Anne Graham, Roselyn Murphy, Alison Irvine, Alison Hope, Janace Telfer, June Gribbin, Elizabeth Wilson, Tamsin Graham, Fiona Moffat, Wendy Walker, Janet Paton, Lorna Blackadder, Jennifer Robb,

**Apologies**

Sandra Stewart, Kirstine Noble, Paul MacConnell, Mhairi Mclean, Alexandra Dickie, Gayle Baxter, Susannah McIntosh, Susan Gemmell, Jillian McLennan, Fiona Ibell, Janet Wilson, Mary Smith, Barry Douglas

**Copies to**

Joanne Cunningham, Linda McInnes, Stephen Black, Gordon Peters, Anne Mitchell, Fiona Queen, Davie McLachlan, Irene Stewart, Ellenor Walker

Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Were made as noted above.</p>	
2	<p><b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of <b>7th November 2011</b> were approved.</p>	
3	<p><b>School Website: E-mail communications.</b></p> <p>The pilot of the website is with SLC, for approval with RM. They are unable to commit to a timescale.</p> <p>The 'Click &amp; Go' system of notification worked well. Only one failed as no mobile no. was registered, some delayed as mobiles were switched off when text was sent.</p> <p>GLO launch - all access now granted.</p>	
4	<p><b>2012 Events Programme</b></p> <p>Our next event is the Spring Disco which is on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Future Stars is booked. Times are P1-4 - 6 - 7.15pm and P5-7 - 7.30 - 8.45pm</p> <p>Helpers for P1-4 :- Jennifer Robb, Tamsin Graham, Angela Wardlaw, Wendy Walker, Monica Clemente, Gayle Baxter</p> <p>Helpers for P5-7 :- Elizabeth Wilson, Lorna Blackadder, Janet Paton, June Gribbin, Alison Irvine, Jean McInerney, Anne Graham</p> <p>There are also lots of staff who will attend.</p> <p>Party bags as usual. Visit to Bookers next week.</p> <p>Plenty cups left and some fruit juice so children can have a drink throughout the evening as required.</p>	AG/LB

	<p>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May - School Show - Decades - This will probably run afternoon and evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> and evening of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents Evening - 1<sup>st</sup> May. Bookfair to coincide with this.</p> <p>Plant sale - 12<sup>th</sup> May. Garden Centre confirmed. Still to book Bouncy Castle. And confirm Nail Bar. Elizabeth happy to do candles again. Lorna knows someone who does toiletries so can ask if she would be interested. Some discussion on whether we should have a minimum donation for such stalls. Our next meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> April so we will discuss in more detail then.</p>	AG
5	<p><b>School Trips</b></p> <p>P2/3 - Riverside museum has been rebooked. P4/5 - Rather than travelling to Vikingar in Largs, they will have an in-house Viking entertainer. P7 - Ardentinny at end of Feb. P5 - Aladdin at Vue cinema. (Grant awarded to finance this)</p> <p>Grant also received from First Direct to redo the rear garden -£1300. Alison suggested we list plants required and ask the Garden Centre to quote. Will have space for a whole class with raised beds and a sensory garden. Also awarded grant to supply wii and nintendo games.</p> <p>We have now purchased the remainder of the reading scheme at a cost of £1300, so now have books up to P7. This was done without using school funds. All jotters have been bought for August. School funds have been used to buy books for P1 from Santa, christmas parties, and Burns day treats.</p>	AH
7	<p><b>Travel Plan Update</b></p> <p>Alison has contacted SLC, who confirmed that moving the bus stop is a difficult job. Will try to arrange a meeting with them. The process can take 6/12months after their agreement so will not happen in the near future. Roselyn queried that the 20 signs on Union St never seem to be illuminated. Alison will add that to the list for discussion with SLC.</p>	AI
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Assessments taking place on an ongoing basis in classes throughout the school. These are used in the childrens portfolios. All children coming from Nursery in Aug will have a portfolio of work with them so that they are working at the same level. Same for those going to High School. They are currently sitting a package of assessments, including TJ scheme, which is the same as Heinemann but slightly different format for maths, and a descriptive passage for literacy. This will go with them to their secondary school, all marked to National Curriculum guidelines.</p>	

At the next in-service day on 10th Feb, staff will be at Chatelherault for the "Big Writing Project".

21 children have enrolled for school for the intake in August. Placing requests will not be confirmed til May so will not know actual nos. til then.

Question was raised re school clubs, both after-school and lunch-time.

There is a new active school co-ordinator, Claire Murphy, who replaced Paul Graham. She has arranged for the whole school to try Karate, the P3/4's will be trying yoga, and the P2/3's are doing football.

Choir will also be running again.

**Date for next meeting - 23rd April 2012**