

Mintlaw Academy Parent Council

January 17th 2012

Attending

Debbie Andrews Elizabeth Preston Mark Chapman Mrs McHugh
Mrs Whyte Mrs Robertson Norman Smith Agnes Gough
Norman Morrow Anna Gillanders Briony Mair Lynne Thomson

Apologies

Marie Chapman Barbara Holligan

Minutes from November 22nd 2011

Approved by; Briony and Seconded by; Lynne

Matters Arising from minutes 22.11.2011

In future minutes will be available to parents c/o the school office.

We will have no clerk as funds can be better used to support pupils.

Secretary = Debbie Proposed by; Elizabeth and Seconded by; Agnes

Appointment of Head

Mrs Robertson was welcomed as Acting Rector

Mrs Noble will be taking Mrs Robertson's place in SMT while she is acting rector.

A history teacher will be appointed on a temporary basis to cover

Mrs Noble.

Interviews for the Rector will include Norman Smith and Peter Chapman as Local Councillors and Elizabeth and Mark to represent the Parent Council.

Rector's Report

Mrs Robertson gave a very interesting talk explaining the procedures following a Critical Incident in school.

We would like to note our appreciation to all staff for the care they give to our children as all pupils in school are looked after well, with staff being aware and concerned for their welfare.

Communication with parents

We discussed how we can improve communication with parents and pupils.

Debbie asked if we needed to wait until the next meeting to approve minutes because if we don't parents can access them earlier. The general consensus was that if minutes were issued to everyone attending and no 'matters arising' or corrections were raised, then after 1 week they would be considered 'approved' and put into school for parent access.

Putting our minutes on the school website was discussed, along with Glow etc. Wilma Todd has offered to do this for us and we have accepted her offer gratefully - her help is much appreciated.

Mrs Robertson offered to put PC details and email address into the school prospectus for us and it was thought to be a good idea and accepted.

We discussed that parents had said they would like the Newsletter to contain up-coming events as well as news of what had happened in school and Mrs Robertson said she agreed with this. Plus Mrs Robertson said the PC could have a piece in the Newsletter as another contact with parents.

Mrs Robertson explained the current computer system sent texts to all pupil contacts and doesn't allow for one text per family but this was being looked at.

We decided that this will be discussed again at our next meeting.

Dragon's Den

The last date for DD was postponed due to bad weather so the new date is February 23rd 2012.

The Dragons are; Norman Morrow, Mrs Duncan, David Bowan and Derek Jennings.

Mr Mair will host the evening and refreshments will be served by PTA members with PC paying for items.

We will advertise the event in the school bulletin (plus I am also attaching a poster and flier and asking if they can be displayed around the area and school). Debbie will contact Arran at the Buchan Observer and will try P&J. Waves charges.

Mrs Robertson will arrange the Let for the social area.

Any Other Business

Elizabeth had feedback from the gentleman who was concerned that pupils were coming off school buses in the dark wearing dark clothing. He was pleased to hear we had taken his concerns onboard and discussed them at our last meeting.

Elizabeth asked if PC was sending anything to Mrs Evans. We agreed to send flowers and a card.

Next Meeting

April 26th 2012