

BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 6.30 on Wednesday 2 March 2011

Present

Lindsay Law (chair)
Gillian Hutton
Jennifer Williamson
Joanne Hood
Aileen Harris
Ailsa MacMullan
Hazel Irvine
Norma Prentice (first item)
Alan Devine (minutes)

Apologies

Donna Douglas
John Gardner
Charlotte di Corpo
Shona Campbell
Lorna Garner

Lindsay welcomed everybody and introduced Norma Prentice, HT at Drummond High School.

1. Drummond Community High School

Norma gave an account of Drummond's strengths and answered several questions.

Key points:

- The students are well-motivated and there is an excellent ethos in the school.
- The school is well-resourced and has very good facilities.
- There are many opportunities for pupils to boost their wider achievement.
- The Music and Art departments are very active and high-profile, amongst others.
- The school has recently attained or been shortlisted for several curriculum awards.
- Most classes are small (20 maximum).
- There are very well-established links with 2 schools in Kenya.
- The school is not at risk of closure.

Finally, Norma reiterated that she is very keen for any prospective parents to visit the school to see it at work. She very much welcomes enquiries. As a community school there are extended opening hours, so either she or a depute are available every weekday evening.

2. Head Teacher's Report

Alan highlighted several items which will appear in the March newsletter:

- The annual Health and Wellbeing week will be w/b Monday 28 March. There will be a wide variety of sports and other activities, including an evening session for parents on online safety. A letter and timetable will be sent out to all families beforehand.
- There will be 4 staff retirements next term - Mrs Linda Scott, Mrs Alison Wilson, Mrs Katherine Lawrie and Mrs Joyce Dickson
- There will continue to be 13 classes next session as the school roll is stable.
- Newsletters from the Eco-committee and the Pupil Council will be sent out regularly in future.
- At the next round of parent-teacher consultations P4-P7 pupils may attend and participate - this is optional.
- A set of new laptops has been ordered for the school.

3. Chair's Report

- **CCWP**

Lindsay reported that a presentation was given at the recent CCWP meeting on assessment and reporting within Curriculum for Excellence. There was some parental concern about a lack of clarity. The other main discussion topic centred round high school refurbishment.

- **Finance**

Aileen has arranged for transfer of budget accruing from having no clerk.

- **Holiday dates**

The consultation regarding changes to holiday patterns is now complete but the result is not yet known.

- **Sale of 154 Macdonald Rd and 113 Bellevue Rd**

Closing dates for these sales have been set. The community council and Claremont Court Residents' association have both been supportive contacts in the efforts by the PC and eco-committee to make the most of the area of garden for the benefit of our pupils and the community.

Lindsay and Alan will speak to the purchasers at an early stage.

- **Grants**

Lindsay intends to pull together a list of relevant and appropriate grants and awards which the PC might apply for in order to progress specific projects. She suggested the formation of a small group to take this forward.

4. Road Safety

It was noted that work is progressing on the speed-reducing measures at the main gate.

5. Any Other Business

Lindsay shared some ideas to boost recruitment to the PC and PSA.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Wed 25 May 2011.