



# Airyhall School Parent Council



**Meeting: 28 January 2015**  
**Minutes**

*Parent Council [PC] Members Present:* Julia Black; Hazel Campbell; Katrina McKay; Victoria Oumarou; Mark Sambrook; April Schelbert; Sarah Smith; Susi Wiseman; Stuart Young; Cllr Ian Yuill.

*Staff Members Present:* Alison Thomson (Head Teacher).

*Apologies:* Christine Davidson; Frances Henderson-Thynne; Alissa Galbraith; Fiona Hubert; Moira Milne; Donna Polson; Tony Rafferty; Cllr Angela Taylor; Cllr Gordon Townson; Amy Wilson.

## 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The meeting was opened at 18:35 by the Chair, Mark Sambrook, who welcomed everybody and thanked them for their presence. The agenda was approved and apologies were offered.

## 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Parent Council meeting of 19-11-14 were approved.

*\*Action point 1:* Alison Thomson to remind the wider Parent Council that the PC minutes are available on the school website.

*\*Action point 2:* Sarah Smith to send information to Alison about Eco Igloos.

*\*Action point 3:* Stuart Young and Mark to follow up the Treasurer training.

## 3. PC ACTIONS

Thanks to all those involved in making the PC Grotto another resounding success at the Christmas Fayre in December.

Thanks also for involvement with the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award reaccreditation process. The school has been reaccredited - well done, everyone!

*\*Action point 4:* Mark will coordinate an appeal to parents for unwanted decorations to refresh the Grotto for next year.

## 4. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Stuart Young, reported continuing difficulties in having the appropriate paperwork set up in his name and thus no up-to-date accounts were offered.

*\*Action point 5:* Stuart to follow up procedure with the bank.

## 5. PC PURCHASE

A laminator would be useful to support activities.

*\*Action point 6:* Mark to follow this up.

## 6. STAFFING

School continues to be pro-active in recruiting, training and maintaining high quality personnel. The new P1 intake is already under consideration.

## 7. CAR PARK

The plans for new signage have been approved and will be actioned as soon as there is clear weather.

Access to the Astroturf is a serious concern for the PC, especially in terms of safety, respect and responsibility.

**\*Action point 7:** Mark to engage in conversation on this topic with Robertson's.

#### 8. FOOD DRIVE with TLC

This has been an excellent collaboration between Parent and Pupil Councils, with a great response overall. Tony Rafferty represented PC at an Assembly on 23 January 2015 and reported a good discussion with the Pupil Council. The donations are ongoing this week. Sincere thanks to those involved.

#### 9. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOW-UP

PC and School are still waiting for news of the planned pedestrian crossing re the Hazlewood development.

There have been issues with access on the Countesswells development but it is not officially on hold.

Reflector bands have now been handed out.

**\*Action point 8:** Amy Wilson, Mark and Cllr Yuill to check for news of the pedestrian crossing and lobby for its placement near to the school.

#### 10. AOB

- i. APCF has shared feedback about the new free school meals initiative. At Airyhall, while there has been an overall uptake in the meals taken, the pupils are not always eating the meals. Pupil Council has highlighted concerns about the quality of food offered while praising the efforts of the canteen staff to do their best with the menus and ingredients available to them.

**\*Action point 9:** Pupil Council to write a letter to follow this up, looking for healthier and better-balanced menu choices.

- ii. The Chair of APCF has shared news that he will be addressing a city-wide Floodlights issue.
- iii. The PTA Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 16 May 2015.
- iv. School will collaborate with parents to improve the experience of 1<sup>st</sup>-time Primary 1 parents, empowering them with shared knowledge, top tips, confidence and enjoyment, and promoting the successful community ethos of our school.

**\*Action point 10:** Alison to contact parents to take part in this collaborative project.

#### FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday 25 March 2015; Wednesday 13 May 2015.

The meeting was concluded by Mark at 19:40, with thanks to all for their participation.

The next Airyhall School Parent Council Meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 18:30.

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