

PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017

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NEXT MEETING: 10 MAY 2017, 19:00 – 20:00 (SCHOOL GP ROOM)

PRESENT:

Jacqueline Rinchey; Helena Menzies; Jill Christie; Sarah McGavin; Susan McBain; Rachael Price; Susan Wood; Heather Pippia; Beth Gillard; Clare Tierney; Laura McSweeney; Alastair Bews; Emma Barclay; Jennifer Maitland; Glenn Innes.

Dawn Reid; Rachel McCartney; Elaine McCrae; Ian Yuill (Councillor)

APOLOGIES:

Keith Thomson; Veronica Strachan; Martha Richardson; James Richardson; Fiona Duggan.

AGENDA ITEMS:

SPRING FAIR:

*A PTA planning meeting will be held on **THURSDAY 20 APRIL at 19:30 at 'The Mariner'** for those who wish to attend and discuss options for the Spring Fair. Volunteers most welcome.*

YEAR REPRESENTATIVES ROLE:

Year Reps were discussed and a letter has been issued to all parents/carers asking for volunteers to fill these posts (approx. 2 per year), with the aim of improving communication both between parents themselves, and between parents and the school.

COMMUNICATION:

The PC/PTA discussed the best ways to communicate with parents going forward – Group Call / Email/ Twitter etc.

WOODIES PROJECT:

Astroturf is being looked at as an option for the pitch at the Woodies to make it safer and cleaner for the children to use.

A Sub Committee is to be established to explore our options and to secure this area at the Woodies and better develop it.

Sport Aberdeen have been contacted.

BLOGS:

The question of privacy and child protection has been raised with regard to our class blogs and Mrs Reid is investigating options.

DIGITAL SCHOOL DINNERS:

The digitisation of school dinner menus and choice selection is in the pipeline.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Family Ceilidh	TBC - Options for venue and subsequent dates being researched
Spring Fair	Saturday 20 May
P7 Prom	Wednesday 21 June
End of Term Disco	Tuesday 20 June
Dons Day Out	TBC

UPDATE FROM MRS REID:

Mrs Reid kindly gave us an update on the progress she has made since starting at Broomhill In January.

Senior Library – Contract has been awarded. Interior Design choices being made. Work will commence during Easter Holidays. Training has been organised for Junior Librarians.

Infant Library – Has been painted and new furniture added. Old/tatty books removed. A big thank you to Emma Barclay for all her help re-organising the books.

Infant Hall – Painted and looking much brighter and fresher.

Gym Hall – Options are being discussed for improving the gym hall. Quotes for décor, additional storage, and acoustics improvements are currently being sourced.

Front Entrance / Stairwell – Quotes are being sourced for improvements to these areas with a hope to commence works during summer holidays.

Woodies – The Woodies area is being discussed for ongoing school use with some other additional outdoor areas within the vicinity of the school also being explored. Councillor Yule was able to advise on these suggestions and will continue to assist Mrs Reid in researching our options.

Twitter – Positive reviews so far for the school’s new Twitter account (**@SchoolBroomhill**). Security/privacy (360° Safe Policy) internet for schools to be addressed.

Google Classroom – Information Evening for parents will be held next term.

Curriculum – Anti-weapons/knife crime P4-P7 to be discussed. P1-P3 TBC.

Vision/Values/Aims – The children have been communicating their ideas about the School’s future vision and are creating a song for the school.

Parents Evening – Very well attended this year. Thanks to all who participated.

Book Fayre – Also very well attended. Commission earned from sale of books will go towards new books for classrooms.

P5 ‘INCA’ Standardised Testing – ‘PIPS’ – Data published not entirely accurate for the school. To be further examined, developed and reported.

PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) – This initiative targets children living in difficult circumstances. A substantial sum of money has been awarded to the school. It should help raise attainment and will support children in need.

Staff Resources - Miss Harper will be leaving P6/7 class. The post has been advertised.

- Miss Watt has been absent and cover has been arranged.

Communication to parents about work agenda for the term.

FYI, the **Parent Council Committee** currently has the following people assigned to posts:

Chair	Jacqueline Rinchey
Assistant Chair	<i>(Post vacant)</i>
Secretary	Heather Pippia
Treasurer	Keith Thomson
Communications	Glenn Innes
Year Rep Coordinator	Jill Christie
PTA Fundraising	<i>(Post vacant)</i>