

ACTION NOTE OF MEETING

Present: Andrew Pointer, Graham Armstrong (teacher), Caroline Nash, Helen Taylor, (Chair), Tommy Pringle, (Treasurer), Ian Campbell, Linda Swan, Sarah Yearsley, (Clerk), Michael Williamson, Avril Taylor, Karen Brown, Karl Wright, (Vice Chair), Anna Gurung

Apologies: Nigel and Fiona Lumsden

Agenda Item	Action Noted	Action required	Action by
Welcome & Apologies	Apologies as above		
1. Agenda Items: Meeting dates and locations	We revisited previous suggestion to hold some PC meetings in different locations to give more parents the opportunity to attend. Agreed to hold first roving meeting at Dunkeld school on 25 or 26 th September. Also suggested November meeting could be in Ballinluig and then we would review take up before possibly planning a meeting in Fortingall for March 2013. LS suggested PC members should attend Parents' Evenings as a good way of engaging more parents with what PC does and to check response to holding meetings in different venues.	Check school availability and book room	HT
2. Programme of activity for 2012/13	HT referred back to her comments at the AGM in May and her disappointment at the failure of parents to engage with the PC. This year wants to concentrate on getting parents more involved and agreed that PC members should be a visible presence at Parents' Evenings. LS also suggested that PC could present at transition evening for P7 parents. KW outlined suggestions re better publicity and more	Send calendar of Parents' Evenings to SY Circulate calendar to PC members PC members to volunteer to attend a Parents' Evening when their child is not involved	LS SY All

	<p>Primary parents have been invited in on Friday afternoons. Options to showcase children's work were discussed, including making short films for You Tube and using GLOW (Scottish Schools Intranet) to share homework and revision sheets. AP was concerned that this would distract from core learning. Could we develop an after school club to focus on this kind of thing.</p> <p>LS mentioned SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) Course in media is running at the school.</p> <p>LS still hoping to improve the school newsletter. KW happy to help. Small group of pupils have already written some material.</p>	to take photos	
3. Quiz Night	<p>HT reported that there would be less fundraising activity this year but there has been a request for another Quiz Night.</p>	CN to check availability of Craggs for a Sunday evening in winter	
4. Gaelic Medium teaching	<p>AP pointed out that he had not asked for this to be put on the agenda and felt it was better dealt with by the parents concerned who have set up their own Gaelic Parent Council. LS said that applications for the post of Gaelic teacher were still open until they receive enough applications. AP commented that parents were unhappy with the poor level of communication from the school around what was happening with the Gaelic Teacher. Agreed to discuss at a separate meeting with LS.</p> <p>TP asked for it to be minuted that we have been through this before. The Council have funding available for Gaelic medium teaching but there has been a lack of support from PKC. AP said that the Council have a statutory duty to promote Gaelic. IC commented that the Council have a reasonably strong commitment to Gaelic.</p>		

5. Changes to bus services affecting children attending Breadalbane	<p>HT concerned that the announcement from PKC didn't consider the impact of the changes on the well being of children and young people. Some children have been very distressed at having to change schools. SY asked what impact on staffing numbers would be if all 60 placement request pupils stopped coming to Breadalbane – LS said it would mean the loss of 2 teachers. HT is keen to write to PKC Education dept with concerns over treatment of children. HT will draft a letter. AP felt it had been badly handled and didn't just pertain to Bankfoot but other rural areas.</p> <p>IC said there had been consultation with parents. SY pointed out this was in November 2009. We discussed legality of charging school children a premium price for bus service. IC said this had been checked by the PKC legal dept. KW felt we should take legal advice from children's organisations. Parents concerned are to meet in Bankfoot on 3rd September.</p>	HT to write to PKC Education Department.	
6. Creche closing	KB raised concerns over the crèche closing – she has been told that it is only for children whose parents are attending parenting classes.	LS to check what is happening	
7. Staffing changes at Primary	AT raised concerns from parents over last minute changes to a class teacher in primary. Parents were angry not to have had any information in advance. LS said she hadn't felt it was useful to write to parents before she confirm new staff were in place.		
8. Date and time of next meeting	6.30pm, Wednesday 26 th August, Royal School of Dunkeld ALL WELCOME		