



MINUTES OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2009	Action By
<p>Present : Colin Howard, Michelle Stewart, Caroline Ewing, Phil Lunts, Marianne Ward, Gilly Innes, Kerry Clark (clerk), Will Broome, Christine Proudfoot, Pippa Walls, Mark Gaddie, Viv Seeley, Dawn Fernie, Louise Cox</p> <p>Apologies : Lynn Tullis, Cllr Watson, Cllr Parker, Ruth Nichol, Cllr Paton-Day, Aileen Mackay, Elsa Patterson</p>	
<p>WELCOME & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 4 March were approved with the following note: Aileen will help with photocopying, not her mum.</p>	
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>School Trips</u> - £125 per class to be billed at the end of the summer term. • <u>Finance</u> – Funds allocated £3,000 for new whiteboard, £1,750 for school trips. Current balance £1041 with £395 from car boot sale to add. Over £5,000 spent this year. Detail in PC newsletter. Each teacher to get copy of PC newsletter. • <u>School Library</u> – Mrs Innes has spoken with Mrs De la Hay and a forward plan will be drawn up early next term. 	<p>KC/EW</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Innes discussed playground improvement plans – SBC will resurface the old car parking area. They have agreed to install safe surfacing on some of the area which would facilitate play equipment to be installed. The equipment needs to be installed before the surfacing is done. This option is only available because the area has to be resurfaced for health and safety reasons. • Pupils were asked for suggestions for equipment, they have selected 7 items in total, costing approx £10,000. • Mrs Innes, with help from Caroline Ewing, has prepared applications which will be submitted for grants from The Royal Bank of Scotland £4k, The Hayward Trust (up to £15k) and The Lottery Awards for All Scheme (up to £10k). Jason Hedley (nursery parent) who works for SBC will help source other funding if the aforementioned are unsuccessful. All items will (hopefully) be purchased with the grant funding and the parent council will not be required to finance any element. Mrs Innes asked for parent council support for the grant applications – this was agreed by a show of hands. Mrs Innes is hoping to hear the outcome at the beginning of next term. It was suggested that should only part of the grant funding be available then only some of the equipment should be purchased. • The equipment requiring safe surfacing would be located at the annexe building end of the playground. Other equipment would be installed outside the main building. • The current rota system (for football and green area) would probably be expanded to include the new equipment to ensure that all children had a chance to use it. Other alternatives would also be discussed with all staff. 	

<p>school to use to ensure best practice? Louise happy to offer advice/pointers. Response – yes in principal. Louise will come back with proposals at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council newsletter to ask for volunteers for this new sub group. 	<p>LC</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>ISSUES RAISED BY PARENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were the swimming lessons for P5 to gain a “blue card”? And if not, could this be aimed for in the future. 	<p>DF</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence 	
<p>ACOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following an issue raised by parents the nursery gate will be relocated during the Easter Holidays. 	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 6 May 2009 at 6.30pm</p>	