



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2008	Action By
Present: Pippa Walls, Mark Gaddie, Lynn Tullis, Colin Howard, Kerry Clark (clerk), Louise Cox, Will Broome, Christine Proudfoot, Ruth Nichols, Gilly Innes, Emma Sowerby, Aileen Mackay, Michelle Stewart, Gill Howard, Phil Lunts Apologies: , Janice Douglas, Cllr Watson, Viv Seeley, Marianne Ward	
WELCOME & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to Ruth Nichol who, at the end of the last meeting agreed to be our new treasurer. Many thanks to outgoing treasurer, Colin Howard for all the work he has done over the past few years.• The minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2008 were approved.	
CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle has not had much time for ACE as she has been concentrating on fundraising• PC should look into the new exam system (current P6 will be the first to sit). This has been delayed for 12 months. Communicate with SQA and ask to be part of the consultation.	MS
TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle, Pippa and Gill met with Jeremy Purvis, MSP on 7 November. Very useful meeting.• Advised to re-inforce the 3 main concerns for Melrose PS – Borders Deprivation Index, Minimum of 2 PTs at Melrose and Maintaining of a Headship for the school.• Cllr Parker has said he agrees with all points, however cannot support the Principal Teacher part.• Mr Purvis willing to come in to discuss with staff/parents/parent council• SBC decision to be made on 18 Dec 08	
CONSULTATION POLICY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be put on the school website within 1 week of this meeting together with a deadline date for comments• Comments taken tonight and changes by 5 Dec.• The analysis of results to be carried out by whoever initiated the consultation. Once a report is ready Parent Council will give views/raise concerns. Decision to be made by proposing body and then sent out to parents.	JD/LT LT

<p>ADVERTISING POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now on school website for consultation. Reminder in next PC newsletter for comments and deadline date. 	VS
<p>PACE/BUDGET CUTS LETTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter drafted by Elsa. Senior management team to comment on and provide facts/amend inaccuracies to Pippa or Elsa by 5 Dec 08. • Kerry to provide addresses for Glenn Rodger and 3 Councillors to Elsa 	GI/DF/ES KC
<p>ROLE OF COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS VISITING THE SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Kevin Donaghy for proposed statement 	KC
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery newsletter has provided a lot of response to Christine and was seen very positively • Every PC newsletter should state the 4 main points of the PC constitution 	VS
<p>ENGAGING VIEWS OF PARENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to engage more parents/photos of representatives/use website/new noticeboard/comments box • There appears to low interest for the Parent Council from parents. Some parents have high expectations but given that support for the PC is generally low we are limited in what we can achieve. With more support more could be done. • Need parents to come forward – 2 way communication • Parents evening opportunity for reps to meet or a cheese and wine? • Defer discussion until January meeting when Sharon will be able to make her comments and take part • Proposals should also include what the PC would like parents to do to get more involved 	
<p>CHRISTMAS FAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support required for stalls and donations for bottle stall / cake & candy • Local businesses have supported raffle etc. Kids to do thank yous • Set up on Saturday from 9am – 1pm helpers welcome! 	
<p>SCHOOL UNIFORM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To go out to consultation next year 	MG/CP/AM/VS/PW
<p>ISSUES RAISED BY PARENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming lessons for P5 paid for by Active schools. Transport costs £2 per week from parents. 6 week block, Gala pool • Nursery opening- doors now opening at 8.55am and 12.40pm • P2 pupils not coming out until 3.10pm – Gilly will talk to staff • Dogs being brought into the playground – Gilly to check with SBC for guidance. Note in school newsletter 	GI GI KC
<p>ACOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Santa visit 11am-12noon and before and after lunch for nursery on last Friday of term. Satsumas/oranges/apples to be handed out. Pippa to organise once school decides on numbers required. Parent council will fund • School Christmas Lunch – Parent council asked to purchase crackers for all children. Agreed. 350 required. Lynn to source • Whiteboards ongoing – request to William Hill Trust for funding • Approval of Ruth as new treasurer and as signatory of cheques 	GI/KC PW LT PW / ES
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 7 January 2009 at 6.30pm</p>	