



MELROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2009	Action By
<p>Present : Michelle Stewart, Phil Lunts, Gilly Innes, Kerry Clark (clerk), Will Broome, Elsa Patterson, Dawn Fernie, Viv Seeley, Marianne Ward, Pippa Walls, Aileen Mackay, Fiona McHoul, Karen Jamieson</p> <p>Apologies : Ruth Nichol, Mark Gaddie</p>	
<p>WELCOME & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 6 May were approved.</p>	
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Club – too challenging for pupils to come up with suggestions for new name. Keep the same name – make logo with smiley faces using the 00 part of 100. Viv to produce for sessions 09/10 Fliers available for parents meetings on 8 & 10 June and for open day and school fair on 12 & 13 June • Parent Council Website – ready for launch on 12 June. Whiteboard to be set up in class bay for demonstration. • Environmental Plans – Pippa to ask Louise for update • Playground Improvements – conditional offer received from lottery funding, RBS decision due 26 June, no response from Hayward Trust to date. • Parent Representatives and Election to Parent Council – Parent Council newsletter in August 09 to include agenda for September meeting + AGM. AGM set for Wednesday 16 September at 7pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">VS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WB/GI PW</p>
<p>SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results sent out to parents, good response received. New uniform production progressing OK. • Clarification to go in newsletter regarding P7 uniform which will be implemented from August 2010. 	<p style="text-align: center;">KC/GI</p>
<p>SCHOOL FAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers , 2nd BBQ, gazebos and deck chairs required • Raffle prizes – fantastic response • Flyer to go out on Friday 5 June for donations, Retties sponsoring all items for the chocolate fountain, £25 from A Purves for chocolate items for the tombola, Baird the butchers have provided excellent prices for the burgers and sausages. Williamson the fruit shop will provide salad items. • Crafts – being undertaken in class this week • Bouncy castle will be on the grass area at the Gibson Park • School to open at 9am and lock up 7.30pm • Melrosians and Gilly to officially open the fair by cutting the ribbon in the playground – no access beforehand. 	
<p>SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION RESULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School day review results (26 received). A few parents expressed concerns (6 replies), majority of responders (20 replies) expressed a positive effect to the children and school. Proposal – NO CHANGE to current timings. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns ranged from increased childcare costs, shorter lunchtimes, less playtime. Concerned parents asked why and how the decision to make the changes had initiated. They also felt that the small minority of “conflict” pupils should be dealt with rather than cutting the time for free play for all children. The parents stated that boys seem to need more time to burn off their excess energy and are arriving earlier in the morning to play football and are rushing their lunches/not eating properly in their haste to get outside. Mrs Innes acknowledged that Mrs Jamieson and Mrs McHoul were unhappy with the changes, but stated that the majority of parents are happy with the current arrangements. Mrs Innes also stated that the reduction in the final 15 minutes of lunchtime has meant many issues are now negligible and this has had a very positive impact on the afternoon session of teaching, with the children being more focused. Elsa raised the point that some people had felt uncomfortable to write in to express their feelings (even though the comments could be sent in anonymously) as they seemed to think that the result was a foregone conclusion. The question over the pupils responses were asked – were all children asked? By whom? Yes all classes were asked by members of the school eco-committee. Football is not liked by a third of the children – most asked found the playground a positive experience. Mrs Innes has stated that due to budget constraints next session the supervision in the playground <u>may</u> be reduced. The parents have asked for clarity of the arrangements for lunchtimes – how does it work, who eats when etc Clarity was also sought over the review in general – what was asked? What was the response? Transparency should prevail due to the nature of the concerns raised. A summary will be issued from the school next week. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GI/DF/ES</p>
<p>ISSUES RAISED BY PARENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Sports Day</u> – could the picnic flyer go out earlier next year which should include details of pick up times and places. <u>Sports Day</u> – could the event take place over half a day, as many parents had to take a full day off work to watch the children’s races <u>Sports Day Houses</u> – can the school let the children know which houses they have been allocated well in advance of the race day. <u>In-service day</u> – the recent in-service day was proposed by SBC <u>Winmarleigh</u> – why is Winmarleigh the chosen venue? Changes of venue are being looked at by the school management. <u>Nursery Uniform</u> – will be discussed at the nursery parents evenings next week. <u>Red/Green Cards</u> – discussed annually between pupils and teachers to allow analysis of the scheme <u>New school logo</u> – should be arriving for approval tomorrow. 	
<p>ACOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 2 September 2009 at 6.30pm</p>	