



MINUTES OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2008	Action By
<p>Present: Pippa Walls, Mark Gaddie, Lynn Tullis, Colin Howard, Dawn Fernie, Kerry Clark (clerk), Leigh Riddell, Vivienne Seeley, Elsa Patterson, Sharon Davidson, Louise Cox, Will Broome, Christine Proudfoot, Ruth Nichols, Councillor Watson</p> <p>Apologies: Gilly Innes, Emma Sowerby, Janice Douglas, Michelle Stewart, Philip Lunts</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting of 8 October 2008 were approved.</p>	
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle looking into purchase of a scanner. • Playground railings – work in hand. • PC noticeboard – A2 size £65 + £25 fitting. Perspex and locked. Funding approved. Order to be placed. 	<p>MS</p> <p>VS</p>
<p>CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle looking into Curriculum for Excellence (ACE) should primaries have been included in consultation re new exams? Pippa to contact association of parent councils. • ACE Posters to go up in school for parents night 	<p>MS/ PW</p> <p>DF</p>
<p>TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Howard attended final meeting on behalf of Melrose PC • Councillor Watson advised that SBC decision will be delayed until 18 December. • SBC have forwarded a copy of Frequently Asked Questions (to go on our Website) • Jeremy Purvis, MSP to meet with some PC members on Friday 7 Nov at 1pm in the school to hear our concerns. • All 3 SBC councillors have been asked, and have agreed to give their opinion and feedback on the final decisions made regarding TCS. • PACE planning to attend meeting on 18 December – can someone go along to represent Melrose? • A huge response regarding TCS has been received from parents and teachers. Main concerns: PTs/Head Teacher, shared headships/BDI – suggestion from Cllr Watson that HTs should ask to meet with SBC for the latest information and thoughts on the impact of TCS 	<p>JD</p>
<p>CONSULTATION POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Tullis presented draft policy proposals • It should be noted that the parent council are not involved in all school decisions • Role of the Class Representatives – further discussion required • Any comments regarding the draft to Lynn by 19 November 2008 • December PC newsletter will allow for parents to comment 	
<p>ADVERTISING POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viv, Will, and Kevin Donaghy met and have presented a third draft policy for discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we need a disclaimer? Check with SBC to see if there are any directives. What do other schools do? 2. Any comments to Viv or Will by 19 November 3. Parents comments to be sought 	<p>LC</p>

4. Meantime use listings – charging £10	
<p>ANNUAL SBC BUDGETS – PACE/MELROSE PC POSITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have sent in our own petition for TCS. Do we want to join the main PACE petition/do nothing/ask parents to write to SBC Inform parents in PC newsletter about PACE Send letter regarding budget issues to SBC/Councillors on behalf of PC. Any suggestions from other PC members to Elsa by email. Copies of last year’s correspondence to be used as guideline. 	<p>VS EP LT/PW</p>
<p>ROLE OF COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS VISITING THE SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES POLICY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Donaghy to be asked to draft a statement /note which could be given to to all visitors to the school with regards to “advertising and promoting” their business 	<p>KD /PW</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome of SBC consultation on the proposed changes to the school week/holidays etc. Results to be advised to parents from the school. Parent Council Newsletter – looked great ... thanks to Viv for organising. 	<p>GI</p>
<p>ACOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hallowe’en Parties – well organised and great fun ... well done Michelle and Marianne Ruth Nichols attended to see if she would be happy to take on role of treasurer. School newsletter – worries expressed that some parents were not receiving/going on line for the newsletter. Note offering paper copy to be put in next newsletter. Nursery opening times – parents asking if 15 minute window for changing pupils shoes/coats etc has been withdrawn. Congestion in the changing area at opening times is dreadful. School to respond. School uniform – Melrose have too many choices (further discussion required) Melrose in Bloom will help with planters in the playground (contact Duncan Brayden) Disquiet regarding “ban on trading cards” - parents advised to contact the school to discuss Swimming Lessons – parent has raised issue of why Melrose don’t get swimming lessons. However, the school has been discussing with Derek Napier, Active Schools Co-ordinator to help with funding. Meeting with DF on 10 Nov. Would PC consider contributing towards costs – Yes. Proposed 6-8 week block at Gala Pool. School suggestion P5. PC suggestion P6 – to enable children to get “blue card” which would allow them to participate in water sports at Winmarleigh Hall on their P7 residential trip. Derek offering to come to a PC meeting to discuss his role (January) School “Wish List” – playground resources (inc plants for new planters), hymn books for assemblies, interactive whiteboard (will need fundraising as they are approx £2,000 each). William Hill Trust to be approached for funding for smartboards. Decision agreed in principal by PC regards purchase of another smartboard. Playground resources and hymn books approved now. 	<p>KC DF/GI A Ireland</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 7 January 2009 at 6.30pm</p>	