

WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' COUNCIL and PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009

Present: Steven Whalley (Chair), Alison Graham, Margaret Hogg, Emma Wood, Gill Gracie, Monica Shaw, Gail Jackson, Christine Berthelsen, Kirsty Hubert, Nick Blundell, Chris Tate, Gerry McLachlan, Estelle Weipers, Jenny Jones, Susan Stewart, Christine Longstaff, Laura Robertson

In attendance: Hilary Elliot, Sandra Cameron

Apologies S Warren, M Gunn, A Burns, A Thomas, G Jackson, T Davidson, C Gambles

1. Minutes of the last AGM held on 4th November 2008

The minutes were agreed

2. Review of the Year – Parent Council

Steven gave a report on the work of the Parent Council over the last year. It was a full year with 6 meetings. Topics discussed included

- The new school – with a presentation from the project manager. A sub committee has now been set up
- Efficiency savings - with a meeting with Councillors and other lobbying
- Communication – with a sub committee established who have started process to improve communications
- Council/Govt initiatives with impact of Transforming Children's Services and Curriculum for Excellence considered.

Steven confirmed he is representing Scottish Borders on the new National Parents Council

Steven praised other activity – Mary's meals old school bag campaign and centenary celebrations

Steven thanked the Head Teacher, Staff and Parents for their contributions and support. A special thanks was given to Denise Halcrow who has stepped down as Clerk.

3 Review of the Year – PTA

Alison gave a report of the PTA for the last year

Main highlights were- successful events – bacon butties, curry event, Wrap, Paper moon, Ceilidh for Whipman, Christmas Bazaar.

4 Head Teacher's Report#

Hilary stated that the AGM is an opportunity to reflect on another exciting year with the Centenary providing example of school, parents and community working together. The Centenary celebrations gave the opportunity to implement Curriculum for Excellence with studies relating to time periods over the last 100 years. The plans for autumn term and Christmas activity were outlined. Hilary thanked parents for support including the lending library, cycling proficiency, class visits, book fair etc

5 Treasurers' Reports

Alison gave the PTA Treasurer's report. Fundraising had meant PTA was able to supply two laptops and help with transport cost (for school trips)

Margaret Hogg, PC Treasurer reported separate account now established. The Clerk was paid and there were some admin costs. A small donation to PTA was made

6 Appointment of Parent Council for 2009/10

Any parent wishing to join the Parent Council is to let Steven know and they will be added to the circulation list.

7 Appointment of Parent Council Office Holders

The following were appointed:

Chair - Steven Whalley

Deputy – Vacancy

Tom Davidson has stepped down due to other commitments. The Parents Council would like to thank him for his contribution as Deputy Chair

Secretary - Colin Gambles

Treasurer - Margaret Hogg

Shelia Warren and Mary Gunn will continue as staff reps

8 Appointment of PTA Office Holders for 2009/10

Chair – Alison Graham

Secretary – Kate Whalley

Treasurer - Christine Berthelsen

New Staff reps to be appointed

9 PTA/Parent Council Plans for 2008/09

PC Meeting with Councillors re efficiency savings and new build, finalise communication plans and related activity to be undertaken and the use of Class reps to be maximised

PTA the Christmas Bazaar, a new annual event in April or May and a sponsored walk with centenary tree planting

10 Date of Next Meetings

Parents Council - 25th November

PTA – 17th November