

Papdale Parent Council - 9 February 2015

Present, Lynette Shearer, Jane Bruce, Karyn Tait, Claire Louttit, Dave Clapham, Leah Rendall, Diane Clark, Ann Scott, Julia Shirreffs, Kelly Scott, Margaret Keenan and Rachal Thomson .

1) Apologies: Kevin Balfour and Angela Crawford

2) Minutes of 1st Dec were approved by Margaret and seconded by Julia.

3) Matters Arising :

Lynette will discuss the purchase of ipads and matting on Kevin's return.

Some of the persistent bad parkers have temporarily stopped...this will be monitored

Reminder letter to go in Newsletter re parking issues

Posters are up in the school re the parking issues

4) HT Report – see attached

5) Parents Night - 18th & 19th March, Claire has emailed the details to Karyn who will co-ordinate the rota and letters to parents for baking – this will be done slightly earlier to see if the amount of baking donated can be increased

6) Disco – Movie Theme!! 20th March. Margaret will ask Carmen if she would be willing to do some of the music – or even set it up on a playlist and Dave will do the IT side of things

Action: Margaret to speak to Carmen

Action: Kevin to speak to Walter to get the lights and speakers

Action: Claire to source out different items for sale and email round ideas

7) AOB

IT Awareness Meeting KGS – Margaret outlined the topics raised at the information night, Social Media played a huge role in the safety concerns for all age groups. The school has already included the topic in Assembly's to make the children aware of the possible 'threats' There are more meetings coming up next month, next one possibly in Holm for any parents wishing to attend.

Leah – there is a new group 'Netball for Nippers' starting up for P1 pupils, there are already 25 girls (and boys) interested in taking part. Funding is needed to start the group off – purchasing netball posts and soft balls suitable for the smaller children. It was agreed that a donation of £250 be made by the Parent Council

Action: Rachal to let Margaret know who the cheque needs to be made payable to

Karyn – Homework Group – all info regarding the questionnaire is in the latest Newsletter and on the Website. Mrs Bruce was very happy with the volume of responses from parents, over 50%!

Karyn and Ann – Independent Reading in P4 – it seems that very little guidance is given to the two P4 classes with regards to the amount the children need to read each week. Library books are taken out then swapped within a couple of days – they are not always suitable for the age group, and no proof is required that any reading has been done throughout the week

Action: Mrs Bruce took notes and will investigate!

Karyn – One of the P4 classes has a FB page so a few queries had been given to Karyn to raise at the next meeting: Could the children be put out in all weather conditions – it was felt that they should just wrap up warm and get fresh air rather than be kept inside – Mrs Bruce mentioned that in the fluffy snow shower all the children went out and had a blast – got wet, but really enjoyed it – and no parents phoned to complain
What age of children can play on the football court before 9am – Mrs Bruce stated ALL children can go on the court, the bigger children do not have the monopoly on it!!

Meeting Closed 6.50pm

Signed by Chairperson.....