

PAPDALE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2016

6PM GP ROOM

PRESENT: Julia Sherriffs, Claire Louttit, Karyn Tait, Diane Clark, Anthea Hume, Shona Gray, Nicola Reid, Joanne Tait, Angela Crawford, Ruth Drever, Rachal Thomson, Jane Bruce, Kevin Balfour, Tanya Blowfield.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Inga Allan, Leah Rendall, Ann Scott. Ann Scott has asked to step down from the committee due to other commitments.
2. **MINUTES of the AGM** September 2016 were proposed by Claire and seconded by Tanya.
3. **HEAD TEACHER REPORT** – the sick bug has been doing the rounds again at school and so education about hand washing has been given in various classes. There are also other viruses such as sore throat etc too. School concerts, trips and discos have been postponed.

A Nurturing room is being developed for children who need help with socio-emotional and behavioural issues. It is hoped this will be ready to use shortly.

The tree lighting went well at the weekend and Papdale children involved did very well. Some Norwegians came to visit the school and were very impressed with the resources available.

The Nursery had requested to buy an Ipad docking station but there are some technical issues so they felt they may just use the PA system the school already owns with a cable. The CD players have been purchased. The All weather suits are still being decided upon.

4. **Shopping night** was a great success well done to Leah in particular and all who helped. Feedback has been positive and likely a total of around £1100 when all the monies come in.
5. **School Disco** has been rearranged for FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY.

Action Julia to contact DJ to play on new date

Action Claire to buy new items to sell at disco

Action Tanya to re-do posters advertising new date for disco

Action Kevin to put new date for disco on facebook

Action committee to arrange games for disco

6. **Discussion about Public Health** contacting parents who have had children off school ill. Some parents had been surprised at being contacted and unhappy about being contacted with no warning.

Action Kevin to put message on facebook informing parents they may well be contacted by NHS Orkney about their child's absence

7. **Discussion** led by Julia about an article in the Daily Telegraph regarding health risks and 3G pitches. The article claims that in Holland 3G pitches are being taken out due to the rubber pellets having been linked to Hodgkins lymphoma and the pellets having been used in the petroleum industry. Julia was keen to make the Parent Council and School aware of this case.
Action Kevin to find out if possible where the pellets originated from.
8. A thank you card from Lynette for the flowers
9. The bank has changed over the signatories on the cheque book, within a month!
10. Rachal asked Kevin about whether painting road lines on a court in the playground would be useful for the cycling proficiency. He and others felt it would be and will look in to a design. This is currently done in P6 with summer courses running for P5. The police advise this is the best age to start the training.
11. Rachal also commented on the security entrance in the school about visitors not being able to see any of the children's work or achievements. However the lack of space makes it difficult to display much work.
Action Jane will try to add some children's work to the entrance waiting area.
Kevin added that there will be a new route for access to the nursery which will make it safer for children.
12. Ongoing car park issues but more people seem to be using the KGS and facebook posts seem to be making more parents aware. The Police said it does not advise using flyers on cars outwith the car parks which is disappointing.
13. The new expressions app has been downloaded by some and is good. It is free for the school to text parents via this app and saves the 4 pence text fee so it would be beneficial if all parents downloaded the app.
Action Kevin to encourage parents to download app by adding information about it on facebook.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY February 6th 2017

Meeting closed at 7pm.