

Broughton Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 21st April 2010 @ 19:30

Location: BPS Staff Room

Present	GC	Gordon Chromka	Chair
	AM	Ailsa McMullan	Parent/PSA Co-Chair
	DD	Donna Douglas	Non-Teaching Staff Member
	GH	Gillian Hutton	Parent
	HI	Hazel Irvine	Parent Member
	LG	Lorna Garner	Teaching Staff Member
	LL	Lindsay Law	Secretary
	LS	Lesley Shepherd	Parent/PSA Co-Chair

Apologies

AD	Alan Devine	Head Teacher
AH	Aileen Harris	Treasurer
JB	Jackie Blair	Vice Chair
JG	John Gardner	Parent Member
JW	Jennifer Williamson	Teaching Staff Member
LC	Lisa Cardozo	Parent Member
SS	Sandra Stewart	Deputy Head Teacher

1. Apologies:
2. Welcome: GC advised that the meeting would be quicker than usual as there was a number of apologies including Mr. Devine and Mrs. Stewart
3. Head Teacher's Report: No report at this meeting
4. Chair's Report
 - a. Following consultations by the Council it has been confirmed that the extra in-service for Curriculum for Excellence will be going ahead and be added on to the upcoming summer holidays
 - b. Class size consultations are asking for input from Parent Councils. This is related to government encouragement for Councils to reduce legislation from 30 to 25 to allow the legal position to match the guidelines. The legal maximum will be reduced for Primary 1 and they are asking for views on Primary 2 and 3. The composite class limit is proposed to

- remain the same. If anyone wishes to input into this proposal, they should let Gordon Chromka know before June.
- c. The National Parent Forum has been set up as a conduit between Parent Councils, schools and the Scottish Government. As yet there is little to report.
5. Curriculum for Excellence: The CfE is starting in August and features as a regular agenda update.

A website has been set up to provide more information, which will be distributed.

Although most Primary Schools feel that they are prepared, there are concerns about Secondary Schools' readiness. GC expressed a personal opinion that he is worried that the secondary school subject curriculum may be 'dumbed' down as a result of discussions with a number of friends who are teachers. There will be further updates at future meetings.

6. School Budget
- a. The number of free lets for the PSA/PC have been cut in half. There was a general consensus in the meeting that this was a disincentive to parental involvement in schools and was not a positive step
 - b. There has been a cut made in Parent Council funding which now includes £10 for communications, and a reduction in the amount allocated for the clerk fee.
7. Road Safety: There is limited news on this topic. The new barrier seems to be working well, although we are now past the time of year that seems to pose most danger. There have been rumours of reported concerns about the temporary barrier, and these will be investigated further.
8. Projects and Issues: There was no further news on the building behind the school. Gordon Chromka has been investigating who has bought the building next door but has not had any responses as yet.
9. Suggested agenda items for next meeting: None were raised
10. AOB: The school's website has been updated, but the PC/PSA website is out of date. It was suggested that this should be updated to show that it was currently under revision.

