

**FRIENDS OF CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**7.30 AT CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Katrina Reynolds (Chairperson), Catriona Craze, Mark Kinghorn, Claire Duff, Joy Hope, Nadine Moore (Treasurer), Leeann Ross, Isla Harvey, Nick Trussler (Head Teacher), Angie Donoghue (Minute Secretary), Joyce Blaikie, Helena Richards, Emma Jones (Correspondence Secretary).

**HT REPORT:** We discussed:-

Class structures, about the possibilities of a class merger with the 2 P7's, to save money, but this could result in compositing the full school. The PC do not support this, we feel The departure of Mr. Brodie (DHT), due to the school roll being below 200. PC not happy with losing a good teacher, especially with all the new development in the village. We feel it will only be a matter of time before the school roll increases.

Staffing P5- Mr. Trussler has arranged for Mr. Littlewood to cover full time until further notice. P7H- Mr. Wood will cover for Mrs. Harvey's PT management time. Mrs. Lackenby has joined us as a Behaviour Support Additional Needs Assistant (ANA) on a Wed, Thur & Friday.

Inspection, Mr. Trussler and Katrina went to a presentation about the school inspection. School was commended on its work.

Homework, Mr. Trussler is planning a review on homework using results from homework survey, he is looking for parent volunteers to help.

Behaviour Management - Tracking Sheets, Mr. Trussler wants to come up with a plan to manage behavior consistently throughout school. This is due to be finished in October in-service day. They will review their plans with the Pupil Learning Council. Mr. Trussler would like parent volunteers, pupils and staff to help put a policy together. Would like to concentrate on positive behavior.

Bikeability, Bikeability 1 can still go ahead but B2 can't as SBC are expecting the volunteers to attend a 4 day training course. Mr. Trussler has asked if this could all be compacted into 1 day. Still waiting for Keith Irvine to come back with a plan. Hoping to start this up by Easter.

School Website, now live. Mr. Trussler now in charge since Mr. Brodie has left. PC can use page too. Mr. Trussler will set this up.

Parental Involvement Policy, Mr. Trussler will forward policy to Angie, Comments to [lisa.anderson@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.anderson@scotborders.gov.uk) by 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**SWIMMING LESSONS:** Surveys have gone out to parents to ask if they are willing to contribute £3 towards an 8 week block of swimming lessons and transport there. Katrina to look at parent response.

Eyemouth charge £1 per child- but don't offer blue badge scheme.

Duns charge £54 for 30min pool hire for max 30 kids- do blue badge scheme.

Transport £40 to Duns, £50 to Eyemouth.

We could approach other avenues to help cover costs. Elizabeth Hume Trust- through Rev Murray. Mr. Trussler will approach. Could approach Martin Tennant at Ahlstrom, Robertson's Trust, BAVS and could look into grants for Swimming Trust.

Initial plans are mainly for P7 to make sure they get their blue badge so that they can do sailing.

#### **FUND RAISING PLANS:**

Halloween Fancy Dress Disco Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October. ELCC4 - P7. 6.30-8pm. £2 per child £5 per family. Can do ducking for apples. Leeann going to ask Steven if he can do disco.

Christmas Fayre. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 - 8pm. invite local groups to run stalls. Raffle Hampers. Have a dress down day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and ask for hamper donations. Make sure items are well dated. Get info out 2 weeks prior. Push for homebaking.

Car Boot Sale/ Coffee Morning - held in spring.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Nadine told us we've had a chq from council for £310. Our bank total is £2795.67. Nadine handed out a finance report which Angie will forward on to everyone.

**SCHOOL REQUEST:** Mr. Trussler put in a request for money

School trip buses - £447 - Robertson's. £82 Perryman's. £529 in total.

P7 leavers memory sticks £55.07

Colour photocopying of final year book £13.50

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mark asked why football wasn't on the school curriculum. Mr. Trussler said that he and Mrs. Miller had planned it, but they didn't include football as there was already football available in the village. Mark said that numbers had fallen and he felt it was due to not getting kids interested in football at school. Mr. Trussler said he would speak to Mrs. Miller about it.

**Parents Evening** 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014.

**NEXT MEETING AND AGM THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2014**