# Scotstoun Primary School Parent Council

# Meeting Minutes 20.01.15

Present –C. Sharratt, S. DeLaet, G Lappin, H Parr, R.Ferguson, R. Sayer, D. DeLaet, A.Cademy, A. O’Callaghan, S. Doherty, L. Robertson (minutes)

Teacher Representation - G. Mackay, G Shephard

Apologies - L. Bancroft, N. Mulholland, J. Lapthorn, L. Harvey,

### Bike Ability (Cycling Proficiency)

G. Lappin registered for this has not yet received confirmation of training place, GM mentioned that Miss McGuire is the schools Bike ability trainer and if more parents received training they could support this scheme better, discussion around the fact it wouldn’t mean they could train other years (currently this resource is for P6’s) as this would rely on extra staff and space. GM also highlighted that the playground will be painted with ‘fake’ streets, pedestrian crossings to support the training.

ACTION:

GL to chase Bike Ability to ensure she is registered for training

Parent Council (PC) to put a call out to see if any other parents are interested in being involved

### Homework Presentation

GM presented a short overview of Scotstoun’s approach to homework this included:

* What kind of homework to expect: Maths, Language, PE, Topic based
* Frequency of homework
* Tasks and timings
* Roles

It included short discussion on change of teaching literacy through skills based reading rather than the phonic ‘Biff and Chip’ approach (Although it was noted that these are still used for reading just not the sole approach)

The presentation highlighted that homework is:

* Differentiated
* That there is school support and lunchtime homework clubs for those who need it
* That it will be reflected in Targets and learning logs
* Workshops are provided to support parents and in some cases additional info is on class pages on the school website

SD brought up possibility for MACS to support this by providing quiet area for children that wanted to do homework. GM highlighted this would have to be brought up by PC directly with MACS. Discussion followed regarding homework timings and parental involvement.

Note: New targets and learning logs will provided end of January

ACTION

GM will speak to her team with regards to the discussion to:

* Ensure clarity on projects aims and objectives and parental involvement
* Running a poll with parents for preferred homework schedule (that is beneficial to parents and teachers needs)
* Variety of parental engagement
* Using school hours to support topic projects

### Childrens’ credit union

SD presented idea of reintroducing involvement with Yoker Credit Union (YCU); PC agreed that this would be a positive move

ACTION

GM to contact YCU to reintroduce child credit union project

### Competitions

CS presented some competition opportunities; John Byrne Drawing and KNex cluster project, GM noted the school are involved in various competitions throughout the year and to pass the details to her

ACTION

CS to pass details to GM and she will pass to her team

### Fuel Zone

Discussion around food running out before Christmas, GM reported there has been a vast improvement and Cordia have been supplying extra food to accommodate the free meals for p1 -3, this may change in future so GM is to keep and eye on developments and PC may need to revisit at a future date.

### Eco Schools

Short discussion around this due to Mr Gilbert leaving, Mrs Coats will take Eco Schools on, as part of this looking to move away from paper bulletin or just giving one copy per family.

ACTION

A fuller discussion to be had at next meeting

### School Clubs

HP brought up could parents get information on the clubs available to encourage discussions with child/parent on clubs to take as at present parents only find out about available clubs if their child expresses interest

ACTION

GM is currently researching the uptake on the clubs, perhaps revisit after this

SD mentioned she is interested in the competition element of clubs – this is being held over for further discussion

### Headteacher Report

GM gave her report, this included information what CPD staff were involved with and key events coming up this term. Registration and staff for next academic year will be presented after April/May once GM knows of placing request numbers.

### AOB

KidsZone – RF to send email round regarding volunteers for kidzone dates for parents’ night are: 24 and 25 February (5-8pm and 3-6pm respectively)

Weather: CS led discussion in relation to lack of grit in playground and it contributing to children unable to have outdoor play.

ACTION

PC agreed for CS to write to Land Services, including residents association and the citywide parent council, as this would be an issue across all schools.

### Held over from last minutes:

PC Budget

### Date of Next Meeting

17 February 2105