

St Blanes Parent Council Meeting

Monday 15th March 2010

Present:

Ann Crossar - Chair
Helen Mullan - Parent Member
Elaine O'Donnell - Parent Member
Miss Anne Marie Reid - Head Teacher
Mrs Karen Milne - Principal Teacher

Apologies:

Pat Connor - Parent Member
Eric Amato - Parent Member

1. Welcome and Apologies.

2. Previous Minutes:

- Regarding the ground adjacent to the school - a letter has been received from Education Resources stating that a meeting took place on 18th February on site to address the outstanding issues on the grassed area. Further works to the French drain are now being programmed which will involve the removal of the top layer of stones, a mesh being laid and then grass seeding on top. A couple of areas on the open area are also programmed to be levelled and further seeding will be carried out. It is envisaged that these works will be complete by end of April 2010. It was agreed that the Parent Council will write back to Education Resources acknowledging receipt of their letter and stating that whilst we are pleased that works are due to commence to address the drainage issue on this grassed area, we are concerned that the land will not be available soon enough for sports day this year and any outdoor PE lessons that the school may wish to undertake.
- Ann Crossar advised that an email was sent to members of the Parent Council who haven't attended meetings in some time and it is understood that they wish to withdraw their membership of the Parent Council. Miss Reid suggested that a letter should be sent to everyone thanking them for their support and participation over the past few years.

3. Spring Enterprise Challenge:

The Spring Enterprise Challenge is to decorate an egg. Stephen Hawthorne from local Company ECG Facility has agreed to sponsor and judge the event. Mrs Milne to organise the publicity.

4. Garden Project:

Miss Reid gave an overview of the arrangements for the garden project within the school. There will be a number of raised beds behind the MUGA area and the intention is that each class will grow their own chosen fruit and/or vegetables. In addition, there will be a Poly Tunnel, tool store and the grassed area adjacent to the MUGA will be used for growing fruit trees. Helen Mullan advised that B & Q had previous partnerships with schools for such projects and will investigate this further. Miss Reid advised that Community Youth Workers have been engaged to help get the project up and running. A grant of £10,000 has been awarded to the school for the project and ground works are to start during the Easter holidays.

5. AOCB:

- Ann Crossar advised that the Parent Council have been asked by South Lanarkshire Council to review the new formats for the school report cards and provide feedback to the Council as

to which one is preferred. Discussion took place and the tabular format was found to be the preferred option.

- Ann Crossar also advised that South Lanarkshire Council have consulted with Parent Councils on Priorities for 2010/11 and beyond. Discussion took place and the priorities were logged to be returned to SLC .
- Mrs Milne advised that the school are organising a Health Week commencing Monday 17th May. Any suitable suggestions for this week long event would be gratefully received.
- Miss Reid advised that Parents night has been arranged for Wednesday 31st March 2010. In an effort to increase membership within the Parent Council, Miss Reid suggested that a stand be provided and manned by Parent Council members at Parents night in order to highlight the work of the Parent Council and to try to encourage new members. Ann Crossar to organise some publicity material and timetable for this.

6. **DONM:** Monday 10th May at 6.30pm