



fossoway school council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 January 2009

Attendees: Sam Nicholson, Andrew Montford, Karen Hogarty, Ian Rose, Willie Campbell, Duncan Summervail, Katharine Gunn, Denise Wilson, Heather Hutchinson

Apologies: Trish Jackson

Administration

Will reported on website visits - these are still low, but with nothing changing over the past month, and with two weeks of holidays, it was not surprising.

Will advised that the election to the Lifelong Learning Committee had taken place, and that he was unsuccessful.

Information on bullying and the latest Parent Council newsletter from the Scottish Government had been received and was distributed.

Curriculum Information for parents

Sam has been successful in getting source material and examples from another primary school, and is in the process of updating these to be specific to Fossoway.

Assistance from PKC in providing someone to talk to parents about Curriculum for Excellence has not been forthcoming. PKC consider the best people to be talking about this are the school. This may be something that we can include in a proposed information evening.

Parental Involvement

Garden Party - KG proposed assistance with the ECO group, and this was expanded into perhaps having a "Garden Party" where we get the parents involved in assisting with the school garden, and combine it with a barbeque or tea party.

There are several items which would work well in an information evening for parents, so we will issue a letter with proposed dates and options of headings and try to gauge opinion and interest from parents. Topics to be suggested are:

- Curriculum for Excellence
- Internet Safety for kids
- Sex Education



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- Kinross Community Campus

Will to liaise with Sam and issue letter.

Communication

A survey of parent's opinions will be carried out. Sam Nicholson proposed a format which was approved. The school will issue the survey and will make the results available

Sam Nicholson is on the steering group for the text messaging system and will keep us up to date on developments.

Safer Routes to School

There have been several emails from parents in response to our request for opinions. Will Campbell has been speaking to Mike Barnacle, the local Councillor, to establish what the exact situation was with many of the ideas and proposals which have been talked about over the years.

Two issues which Mike Barnacle would appreciate FSC involvement / support with, were the provision of an additional pedestrian crossing on the A977, and the issues of safety fencing on the corner opposite the Institute. Will Campbell to issue a letter

There has been a meeting between Sam Nicholson and Donna Cromb, who is PKCs sustainable transport person, with regards to the School Travel Plan.

The Walking Bus proposal has received a grant of £400, and we need to progress this.

It was decided to set up a sub-committee to address specific SRTS issues, and this will consist of WC, IR, KG, SN.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 23rd February, at 6pm at the school.