

MINUTES OF LANGHOLM ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13^h September, 2010

Present: Emma Neil - Head teacher
Anthony Lane - Vice Chair
Archie Hyslop - Secretary
Jacqueline Graham - Treasurer
Christine Calvert - Asst. Treasurer
Sharon Turner, Margo Henry

Apologies: Jackie Fletcher, Diane Hay

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising

Emma reported that Mobigamz had submitted a new funding bid and have now been able to purchase the equipment. Alison Mann and a new group are now responsible for it. The funds which we held, £5010.18, have now been transferred to the new group.

Anthony reported that the homework initiative had been carried forward and Paul Lumb is progressing this. The launch of the Active Dads group is ongoing with some of the funds already being used for printing and advertising costs for the Health Evening. Funds were also used for PC awards.

AGM

It was agreed to hold the AGM on the 4th October at 7.30pm. This will be advertised in the E&L.

New Primary School Building

We have been invited to attend a meeting to be held on the 22nd September.

Unfortunately no-one is available to attend on behalf of the PC. However Emma will be there as Academy Head Teacher and will report back to the PC.

Objectives

Homework, uniform policy, lateness (now improved), method of contact with parents, school trust, implementation of GLOW.

Head teacher's report

Results good. Tracking and monitoring has now started for all pupils from S1 to S6. Education authority financial cuts amounting to £9m this year. Number of advanced highers, 11 at the moment, would need to be cut for 6th Year pupils. With falling pupil numbers and the impact on staffing plus an offer to teachers of early retirement, it is unlikely that the school will be able to offer such a wide curriculum for senior pupils in future years. There have been problems with the new canteen arrangements. This fact was confirmed by several of the parents. They have been running out of food and pupils find it difficult to decide what they want to order at break time. An additional problem occurs if it rains at lunchtime.

Treasurer's report

Current bank balance stands at £657.51.

Date of next meeting – 4th October 7.30pm - AGM