

# Minutes of Beaconhurst PTA Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Dining Hall

## Present

Karen Fletcher	Chair	Lorna Jackson	Junior Start rep.
Iain Kilpatrick	Vice-chair	Mike Bray	Junior School rep.
Graham Scott	Treasurer		
Rachel Vevers	Secretary		

Vanessa Tierney	Susan Warrender
Sunnie Gibb	Gillian Horn
Penelope Maclachlan	Suzanne Teed
Uli Schlafli	Pamela Knight

## Apologies

Dawn Haughton, Senior School rep.

## 1 Chair's Welcome

## 2 Minutes & Matters Arising

It was agreed that minutes of meetings should be kept in the PTA section of the school website, [www.beaconhurst.com](http://www.beaconhurst.com). The secretary will keep one hard copy of all minutes, and the Headmaster will email minutes to the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting approved. Proposed Karen Fletcher, seconded Graham Scott  
There were no matters arising.

## 3 Coffee Morning

It was felt that there had been good attendance and atmosphere, although there's a perception that it's "not for everyone." It was proposed to raise the profile of the coffee mornings by talking to other parents and perhaps by displaying signs on the doors of school.

Fruit teas etc have still not been moved from the Main Building.

Coffee mornings will continue to be held half-termly, before each PTA meeting.

The next date, in January, to be fixed and added to school calendar.

## 4 Headmaster's report

Road Safety – Stirling Council has agreed to a part time speed limit of 20mph around the school gates, with flashing lights. The parking spaces on the road will remain, despite the bottleneck they cause.

Mission & Vision Questionnaire – PTA asked to encourage parents to return these. There are spare copies in the office and email submissions are acceptable. **KF to notify CLPs**

Julia Donaldson – greatly enjoyed by the children. Thanks to all parents who supported the event. IK thanked RV for organizing the event.

Charitable status – Independent schools are registered charities, which has some benefits. Under new legislation, the status of independent schools has been seen as a problem, and media reporting has been unfavourable. The school is watching the results of the latest reviews and will present a robust case to OSCR when called to do so.

### **5 Teachers' reports**

**Nursery** – A sponsored walk is being held to raise money for Children in Need, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. A letter will be sent advising parents of dates and details for Nursery Christmas events.

**Junior School** – nothing specific.

**Senior School** – Mr Nash informs us that the orienteering mapping of the school site was done over half term, but has not yet been paid for.

The Jazz Band has not yet purchased tops, but continues to hold the donation.

The Library has purchased books for the History, Sport and Science sections, and still holds part of the donation which was made.

The PE dept requested a donation of £100, to buy a lockable cabinet for the storage of named items of lost property, to prevent these from being borrowed! Pupils are responsible for finding their own lost items, although these are regularly presented at assembly.

### **6 Future Events**

**Northbrook** – wrapping paper will arrive Thurs 13/11/08 for distribution Friday 14/11/08.

**Bag 2 School** - Lorry coming Thursday 13/11/08. Kim Clingan will organize the pick-up this time, but a volunteer will need to be found for future reference. **KF to email.**

### **7 AOCB**

The issue of food availability at the end of lunchtime was raised. IK meets catering manager weekly to ensure that supply is adequate. Plans are in place to rotate the rota more effectively, to ensure that Transition will not be last every Monday. There is always food available if pupils ask, but kitchen staff are encouraged to be proactive about putting out more, instead of waiting until pupils ask.

Thanks to Uli Schlafli for consistently producing high quality newsletters.

