



Beaconhurst

Parent Teacher Association

Tuesday 12th January 2010, 3.45pm

Present: Karen Fletcher (Chair)
Iain Kilpatrick (Vice Chair)
Graham Scott (Treasurer)
Suzanne Teed
Shirley Jack (Junior School Representative)
Penelope MacLachlan
Gillian Mailer
Margaret Baird
Susan Warrender
Rachel Stuart
Sunnie Gibb
Vanessa Tierney (Senior School Representative)

Apologies: Lorna Jackson (Junior Start Representative)

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - approved

3. **Headmaster's Report:**

School had got off to an encouraging start despite the weather. Plans for clearing snow around the campus were being progressed but delayed in getting suitable equipment hired. E-mail communication with parents during this period appears to have been particularly useful.

4. **Teachers' Report:**

- Junior School – good start to the year with most pupils able to get to school.
- Senior School – plans to raise the profile of the school Eco Committee in their programme to achieve Green Flag status. This will involve engagement with the whole school community and tie in with implementation of *Curriculum for Excellence*. Suggestions from parents would be particularly welcome.
- Junior Start – thanks to parents for their forbearance in the bad weather when the car parks have been out of commission and packed lunches taken to the Junior Start building.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Bank account balance: £1,507.65

Payments due from fee notes for Running Club, Grazia Beauty Night and Sports Day.

6. **Donations:**

£1,050 was donated to CHAS from the Grazia Beauty Night and a letter of appreciation circulated.

7. **Bag2School:**

Thanks to Mrs Ackroyd for continuing to organise this. The next collection is on **Tuesday 16th March 2010**.

8. **Beaconhurst Fun Day:**

Discussion of this as a proposed fund raising event in the summer term, themed around health, fitness and activity. A sub-committee was convened as follows:

Karen Fletcher
Iain Kilpatrick
Penelope MacLachlan
Gillian Mailer
Margaret Baird
Sunnie Gibb
Susan Warrender
Suzanne Teed.

Meeting – **Tuesday 19th January at 3.45pm** in the Headmaster's study.

9. **Future Events:**

- Junior School Disco – a proposal was made to arrange this for Junior School pupils and Junior Start 2 children. IWK and SJ were to take this to the next Junior School meeting for discussion and report back to the next PTA meeting.

10. **AOCB:**

- Station Transport – IWK to look into the possibility of increasing our existing provision to accommodate those on the mini-bus waiting list.

- Lockers – IWK to consider how to address the problem of more lockers being required.
- Lunches – discussion about comments from pupils that there was a lack of food for some year groups on occasion. It was advised that if first choices run out a substitute would be served and that although pupils may not get their favourite choice, particularly if they are later into lunch, there will always be something to eat.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Sub-committee – Tuesday 19th January at 3.45pm in the Headmaster's study

PTA - Tuesday 2nd March at 3.45pm in the school dining hall.

IWK – 12th January 2010