

Slains School Parents' Forum Meeting
Monday 19th January 2009, 7.30pm

Present: Hilda Baird, Kim Davidson, Rachel Hitchcock, Nader Maria, Sarah Gosden, Helena Rogers, Nigel Grasham

Apologies: Morag Macleod, Vicky McNiff, Shirley Beattie

1) Matters arising:

Annual Donations – letter regarding this to be sent out at Easter.

Contact list – blind copy e-mail addresses to maintain privacy. Committee addresses to remain visible.

£40 fund for books – Paid

Soup and Puddings – thanks to all who helped. Panto and bus paid in full.

Footpath – Sarah Gosden is meeting factor of Slains Estate and attempting to gain permission to reinstate.

2) Treasurer's report:

There is about £170 available at present.

3) Collieston Online website:

School is contacting Ken Ingram with views to pupils creating a school page. Parents' Forum to have space in this area.

4) **Hilda Baird's Business**

a) Cycling proficiency to start in March. Friday afternoons 1.30pm. Two extra adults needed to help for each session. Hilda Baird to request this in next newsletter.

b) P4 – 7 are staging a Burns' Supper on Friday 23rd Jan. Hilda requests £50 for Haggis etc. Committee agreed to pay.

c) Panto 2009. Hilda Baird booking early to ensure they are all in one group. Committee agreed to cover costs again.

d) Extension completed May – July. Hilda Baird suggests official opening ceremony. (see AOCB)

e) Bratach Bana cannot make Thurs 12th Feb. This event is postponed.

f) Enrolment for 2009/2010 is 2 or 3 pupils. However this jumps to around 12 for 2010/2011. Hilda Baird short on reading/literacy (and other) materials – will need about £400 for Oxford Reading Tree (Biff and Chip) programmes.

Hilda also soon need to replace discontinued Maths/ Numeracy programmes. Not priced yet, but likely to be in the hundreds.

5) Rachel Hitchcock clarified responsibilities of Parents Forum and Community Council. Nigel Grasham retains this list.

6) GALA.

After success of last years Pirate variety night, it is agreed that Playgroup and Parents forum do the Thursday night again. A "Mama Mia" night has been suggested.

7) Scot's Night – Term 4

St Ternan's (12th June) postponed for 1 year due to proximity of Extension Opening Ceremony.

8) Fundraising.

With the extension costing £350,000, Hilda Baird will find it difficult to gain extra funds from Aberdeenshire Council in the foreseeable future. Committee agreed to increase fundraising.

AOCB

1) Extension opening ceremony.

Saturday 20th June. Strawberry Teas Garden Party. Raise funds with Grand Raffle. Helena Rogers to organize Raffle.

2) Bags2schools collection.

Nader Maria checking website for details.

£200 per tonne which doubles to £400 per tonne if we do two collections this year. First collection may well be end of April.

Bags2school website is interested in collecting good quality second hand ladies, men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items are to be suitable for re-use. No bric-a-brac please.

3) Tesco bag packing.

Nigel Grasham contacted Tesco – they have said yes, now waiting for them to get back in touch and arrange a date.

4) 70's Disco in the village hall – 7th March. Rachel Hitchcock check availability.

Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 25th Feb. 7.30pm