

SIMPSON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MINS FOR 11TH MARCH 09

1. Matters Arising

No matters arising

2. Presentation from G Fitzpatrick

- Discussed the potential of the community wing
- Handed out Draft Partnership Agreement
- A sub group of interested parents from PC could create a management committee
- Representatives from specific user groups that use the community facilities could also be on management committee
- Management committee would feedback via PC
- Identify what facilities local people would like
- Populate the building with programme that meets the needs of the local community
- Revenue streaming still an outstanding issue –JM
- GF will discuss revenue /admin support with JM
- Admin may be required to allow user groups into the building Monday – Friday
- GF try to look at resources that could help kick start community programme
- PC acknowledge the potential of the building
- Will take large number of committed volunteers
- PC – still at the early stages of their development – may not be able to generate the required numbers to be involved
- Huge commitment required by volunteers
- PC will pass interested names onto GF/JM
- GC organising Easter Sports Club
- PC organising Summer Fair –involving Wester Inch and Bathgate community

3. Road Safety

- Zig-zag lines will be put outside gates/Safety barriers will be put in place –should be in place –next few months
- HT – would like the PC to enforce this safety message
- HT has done a great deal to raise the concerns/issues re parking
- Car park is for staff only and is not a drop off zone for pupils

- Bays are for nursery parents
- WLC encourage children/parents to walk to school
- Parents are travelling at excessive speed
- When challenged over parking – they can be abusive
- Community Police – are involved – can issue tickets to parents who fail to comply
- PC will evaluate - once new measures have been installed

4. Walk to School

- School will be involved in walking bus initiative in May
- With enough Parent volunteers this could be sustained beyond a one off event

5. April Disco

- Will now take place June 9th 09
- 5.00-6.00pm = Nursery – Primary 3
- 6.30 -7.45pm = Primary 4 - Primary 7
- CC to co ordinate the event /Members of PC to sell tickets in school
- PC are responsible for let/must have volunteers covering main door/toilets/hall/tuck
- Disco/event contract may be required
- Parents that do not agree to terms – unable to send their child to the event

6. Sports Event

- Morning moves has started – going well/This is not run as a breakfast club
- Sports camp will be run 14/15/16 April/Active schools are involved in the organisation
- 12 responses from recent questionnaire – asking parent what facilities they would like to see
- 7 people have volunteered to help
- Football and badminton the most popular activities
- Active training day – GC to ask A McEwan for a more suitable date
- JM – to provide school with TOPS bag

7. Summer Fair

- Try to move let to 20th June 09 -Field/Hall/Community Area required –AM
- PC set up a sub group - to organise
- Interest shown from wider Bathgate Community

8. DVD – Will be shown at a later date

9. AOB

- PC – organising Newlands
- Homecoming theme was agreed by PC members
- School Banner is complete
- Children attending on the day must be accompanied by Parents
- Attendance is voluntary
- £500 donation from PC to school re Science show case event was agreed

JIM SAUNDERS – LOCALITY PLANNING OFFICER

- Attended to discuss the re-generation programme that is planned for Bathgate area
- Promote links between Wester Inch and the wider Bathgate Area
- Promote and develop the local community

Date of next meeting

29th April 09