



Gatehouse Primary School

Draft minutes of Gatehouse School Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March
(to be approved at next meeting)

Present: Mrs A Fairnie, Mrs P Hamilton, Mrs H Innes, Mrs Cain, Mrs Clark and Mr H McLean.

1. Mrs Fairnie thanked everyone for attending the meeting and spoke briefly of the contents of the meeting.
2. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Mrs Burgess, Mrs Walker, Cllr Gilroy.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. Mrs Innes gave a brief financial report, had received £50 into account from the Authority and had paid out £69 for insurance.

5. **Items of business**

a. **Appointment of new secretary**

Mrs Lindsay was welcomed as the new secretary.

b. **Standards and Quality**

Mr McLean explained that every 3 years Scottish Schools are required to complete the questionnaires to gather evidence produce evaluation reports.

Of the questionnaires returned Mr McLean had produced a summary, the general feeling was very positive and all seemed very satisfied with the results.

It was thought that communication very important and the opportunity for parental comment on the last page of the newsletter useful. The newsletter to suggest a closing date for questionnaires.

Mrs Cain wondered if an unofficial questionnaire each year would help for feedback on parent's thoughts regarding the school.

c. **Curriculum Evenings**

Mr McLean advised that 10 parents had responded wanting information or assistance with most aspects of school work to include maths, drama, music, PE and homework.

It was decided that a curriculum evening would be great benefit to all. But the biggest challenge would be how to promote it correctly to encourage parents to attend. Mr McLean volunteered himself and Mrs Carol Clark to produce a presentation for interested parties.

d. **Update from the PTA**

There was no up date from the PTA. Mrs Fairnie congratulated them on their bank balance £2800 and the success of their last event.

f. **Paired reading –funding of disclosures for Parent Volunteers**

Mrs Clark explained that there was a number parents who had had their Disclosures passed for paired reading. Mrs Fairnie and Mrs Innes agreed to pay for 5 volunteers at a cost £20 each.

Mrs Clark went on to say how beneficial it was and the children really looked forward to it. The only problem sometimes was not enough accommodation.

6. **Any other business**

Mrs Fairnie handed out Parent Council Newsletters.

Mrs Fairnie also apologised for having to stand down as chairperson after only completing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the term.

Mrs Innes asked for ideas as to who could audit the accounts for the school council
There were several suggestions each to be investigated.

7. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20th April at 7.00pm. Is also the AGM

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm