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**NEWINGTON SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL & FUNDRAISING
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Name of Meeting: FORUM AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 4th March 2026

Time: 6pm

Members Present:

A. Ferguson HT, D. Carter DHT, S. McGrady, J. Archibald, R. Stevenson, F. Glass, N. Carruthers, K. Dickson, L. Templeman G. Nelson, C. Helyar, N. Shields, P. Thomson & K. Dickson. G. Schoolar P.T., E. Dugnan P.T. and H McNaughton

Apologies

Were received from L. Davidson, K. Nelson, A. Hoffmann, S. Copland, A. Stevenson, E. Hookway, T. O' Connell, E. Ferguson, M. Woodhouse, M. McGrady

Welcome

Stacey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January 2026 were agreed by June and Seconded by Fiona.

Correspondence

No correspondence since the last meeting.

Fundraising Committee Business:

• **Chick Drive**

Fiona informed the meeting that the hall has been booked for the Chick Drive. Charge will be £2 adults and £1 for children. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be provided. There will be a raffle and we will appeal for raffle prizes. There will be games at the interval for the children.

• **Tesco Bid**

All information regarding the Learning Centre has been processed. We hope to put forward our next bid soon. This will be for the infant playground refurbishment.

• **Burns Supper**

This has been a huge success and everyone who attended had enjoyed it.

Financial Report

June informed the meeting that we have £2000 in the bank.

Head Teacher's Report

Mrs Ferguson informed the meeting that the Edinburgh Trip had been a huge success. 51 pupils and 5 staff were on this trip.

QIO – Mrs Macfarlane and Mrs Wilson (H.T from Elmvale) visited the school on March 3rd. This visit had gone very well. It was to look at how the PEF funding was being spent in school.

By 2027 breakfast club will be mandatory in school, this will be looked into when more details and guidelines are released.

New staff – 2 Learning Assistant posts and 1 General Assistant post have been filled.

Trophies – It is hoped to have an achievement evening at the end of the term where personal achievements, sports and good citizenship will be recognised. Trophies will be awarded for this. The Learning Centre will also be involved in this. Mrs Ferguson hoped to have this event after school and invite parents.

Classes- There will be 10 mainstream classes next year and 3 Learning Centre classes.

Burns Competition- 17 pupils attended the Burns Competition. The children all did very well.

Curling – 4 pupils attended a curling day at Lockerbie on March 4th.

Gymnastics – The school pupils who attended the gymnastics competition held on March 1st had great success in all levels. It was noted that the children and staff always start training for this competition very early in the school year.

Wet mornings- bringing the pupils to the dining room is working well and will continue.

Maths Quiz – Mr Schoolar had attended the maths quiz with some p7 pupils. They all performed very well.

Rotary Quiz – This will be held in school next week.

School App – This will end on July 31st.

Playground Group – Mrs Duignan has compiled a list of games the children would like. The cost will be £265 which the committee agreed to.

Bike Cover – A new bike cover will be in place soon and also in the infant end too. Mrs Ferguson has secured funding for this.

Disco Lights- These will hopefully be installed soon.

A.O.B.

End of term disco will be held on the 30th June 2026

It is proposed to have the ice cream van in the playground on Sports Day. Children will be given an ice cream at either the end of term or on the Shine Awards day in May.

The forum will support the purchase of spare underwear to be used throughout the whole school. Mrs Ferguson will purchase.

Dates of next meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2026

