



NEWINGTON SCHOOL FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting: FORUM AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date: Wednesday 30 th August 2023	Time: 6pm
<u>Members Present:</u> Welcome: A. Ferguson HT, E. Ferguson, K. Nelson, J. Archibald, S. McGrady, L. Povall, C. Helyar, R. Stevenson, A. Stevenson, A. Hoffman, G. Nelson, F. Glass, C. Johnston, A. McKenna, R. Nicholson, K. Nelson, P. Thomson, L. Conroy, E. Duignan Acting DHT, L. Templeman, L. Corner, T. O'Connell & E. Hookway.	
<u>Apologies:</u> were received from M. Woodhouse & G. Schoolar.	
<u>Welcome</u> Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting; it was good to see such a good turnout of old and new members. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 th April 2023 were proposed by J. Archibald and seconded by L. Poval.	
<u>Correspondence</u> Mrs Glass read a thank-you letter from Mr Torbett and the P7 leavers of 2022/ 2023.	
<u>Fundraising Business</u> Summer Disco: This was a big success and attended by many pupils from P1- P7. Fundraising: It was agreed to hold a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 31 st October 2023. The Usual crisps and drinks will be purchases in advance and Andrew will donate the disco again. Christmas Craft Fayre: A Christmas craft fayre will be held on 6 th December 2023. An app message would go out asking interested crafters to contact if they wished to be involved in this. The cost would be £10 per table, Santa Claus will hopefully be in attendance and tea and coffee will be served. Poster has been made and circulated, P. Thomson will collate a list for the tables. A silent auction was discussed this night – to be looked into.	
<u>Pamper Hamper Raffle</u> It was discussed we would do another pamper hamper raffle at the School Christmas Concert – raffle tickets to be sold in the concert queue's.	
<u>Parent's night</u> Parents night will be held on 12 th October 2023 – Scholastic book fair and raffle will be available this night – P. Thomson will look into making Chocolate hampers again.	
<u>Treasures Report</u> June informed the meeting there was £1336.80 in the bank and there had been an easy fundraising payment of £67.00 made recently. Office staff will send out an app message to parents to remind them of the easy fundraising option. Mrs Ferguson suggested that Christmas cards made by the Children maybe a popular fundraising option.	
<u>Head Teacher Report</u> Mrs Ferguson said how delighted she was to be the new Head Teacher of Newington School.	

She informed the meeting of the arrival of Mrs Cannon, Mrs Bell, Miss Johnston and Mr Schoolar's babies. All Mum's and Babies are doing well. Mr Schoolar will take paternity leave on 18th September 2023.

Staffing

New staff – Miss Bell and Miss Chan are new probationers this year. Miss Young will be a temporary assistant in the infant department and Miss Ania has joined the Nursery staff. Erin Kennedy is helping out in the infant department temporarily.

Mrs Murray will leave Newington at the end of this term after many years service in our school.

Deputy Head Teacher jobs – There were 14 applicants for the 2 posts and 8 will be interviewed.

Learning Zone - A teacher will join the learning zone staff for 1 year.

New families

4 New families have joined the school.

Outdoor Area

This has been tarred across from the portacabin and picnic benches have been donated from the prison service.

Staff Room

Mrs Ferguson has encouraged the staffroom to be used by all staff to make it more inclusive. The staffroom has been all cleared and tidied for the new session.

P1 Phonics Evening

This was attended by a good number of parents.

Letters to local Businesses

Mrs Glass and Mr Schoolar had worked on this and letters have been sent to several local businesses.

Development Activities

These will involve pupils from P1 – P7 and will take place on a Friday.

A.O.P.C

Links will be kept with Annan Old Parish Church through Mr & Mrs Dodds while Rev Whiteman is ill.

School Visions, Values & Aims

These will be looked at in the near future. They will look at Talking and Listening Technology, inclusive practise and other topics.

Sexual Health

Primary 6 & 7 currently have talks on this subject, Mrs Ferguson hopes to set up a working group to look at this in more detail and bring up to date.

School Activities

- The school will support Children in Need this Year.
- Harvest Church visit.
- Christmas jumper day & we will wear Christmas jumpers to Church this year.

A.O.C.B

An app message would go out regarding times of school clubs and to be added onto the app calendar if possible.

Newington Primary Fundraising – Annan app Facebook page to be set up – R. Stevenson to create.

Becky's Photography Halloween & Christmas Photoshoot's this year – funds to be donated to the funding committee - R. Stevenson is at the planning stages of doing this again this year.

Date of next meeting

AGM: 13th September 2023 at 6pm