PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 20 September 2011 – 6.00pm

**Present**: S Munro, D McMaster, J McCann, M Craig, M Mackie, J Miller, T McGowan, A Thomson, R McLuckie, M Arendariak, K Reid

**Update from minute of 23 August 2011**

CfE Information Evening

This was very informative. The turnout of parents was very good. The school will continue to work closely with Parents.

Cars

The police came to the school and had a long discussion with D McMaster. They advised her not to shut the school gates. D McMaster now going to local authority for advice. R McLuckie suggested she ask for a copy of the risk assessment that should have been done when the school was built, this would include plans for cars using school grounds at start of the day and the end of day. She will ask for a copy of this.

**Chairpersons Report**

R McLuckie issued a copy of his report. It highlighted the passed year. It is now clear that the Parent Council will focus on fundraising for the school.

**Treasurers Report**

This was unavailable – carried forward to next meeting ( 25 October 2011)

**Appointment of Auditor**

Carried forward to next meeting (25 October 2011)

**Appointment of committee members**

Carried forward to next meeting (25 October 2011)

**Other Items**

Children in Need Talent Show

This event is always well attended. D McMaster concerned that event will not be able to take place (at least to the same scale as before) due to staff cuts. The school only has an AV technician 2 days per week now. Would it be possible to run the event on a Friday afternoon instead of an Evening event? S Munro will approach the pupils involved in organising the show and the AV Technician.

Wear it Pink

School considering holding a ‘Wear it Pink’ Day.

Parent Council Fundraising Ideas

Parent Council will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting but thoughts are Council could hold a Race Night and a Comedy Night to raise funds for the school. Parent Council would then ask departments to bid for any money raised. It was noted that fundraising for the next Uganda trip will be starting soon.

Strike Action

D McMaster was asked if there would be strike action. She is unable to confirm this at the moment but it looks likely if pensions are hit. It would most likely be a one day mass walk out, not just teaching staff. D McMaster will inform parents as soon as she is aware of any possibility of strike action and inform parents of school plans to deal with this.

Blazers

One parent asked if pupils must wear blazers in bad weather. D McMaster understands that pupils will need to wear proper jackets on days where weather is bad. She asks that the pupil wear a dark coloured jacket.

Homework

Pupils are expected to research and investigate on the internet for homework piece now. Parent Council concerned that many pupils might not have computers/laptops or have access to them. D McMaster will investigate this and ask staff to quietly identify pupils.

Home Economics

D McMaster was asked why the school does not have a Home Economics Dept. It was explained that the school lost the Department for 2 reasons, a lack of Home Economic teachers and the school roll. If school were able to find a Home Economic teacher it would mean losing a Maths or English teacher.

School Roll

There was a brief discussion how to improve the school roll.

* Leaflets
* Outreach programme to P5 and P6 pupils (possibly involving S1/2 pupils)

Standards and Quality Report will be discussed at next meeting.