

Minutes of 2nd Parents Meeting at Highshore School

Monday 18th January 2016

Present : Don Burford -Parent Governor/Chair, Karen Fenn -Vice Chair, Christine Burford-Secretary, Ullie Dumas, Mariatu Kargbo, Riba Stephen, Sahida Bhatti, Sussie Nti

The minutes from the meeting held on **7 December 2015** were read and agreed.

Matters arising from the last meeting were reviewed and actions taken forward in the meeting.

The following **committee members** and new **Class Representatives** were elected.

Mariatu Kargbo Treasurer

Ullie Dumas Vice Events Manager

Sussie NTI Class Rep year 8/9

Riba Stephen Class Rep year 9

Sahida Bhatti Class Rep year 14

Class Representatives are still needed for **years 8 and 11** (This will be further advertised).

A number of points were raised:

- The school would welcome support from parents to help on school trips.
- Volunteer drivers needed for the school bus. If any parents have access to a PVC licence please let Eileen know.
- The school would like donations of reading books; hats; scarves and gloves to supplement those already used or kept as reserves.

Eileen showed the parents a preview of the new **Speech and Language video** that was made at Highshore school. There were contributions from parents, staff and pupils at the school and it will be placed on the website and used to promote the wonderful facility that is uniquely provided at Highshore. Eileen also brought to our attention the parent training in **Eklan; Makaton and E-safety** which is **highly recommended** to attend and the **dates** are given in the **News letter**.

Future Event:

Preparations towards an **International Evening** for parents and children are being planned for the **Easter term**. Volunteers will also be required and notified following further planning meetings.

The details of the event are:

Date : Friday 18th March

Venue: School Hall

Time: 5-8pm. The hall must be tidied away by **9pm**.

It is proposed that parents bring a National dish and have the opportunity to wear a National costume if they wish to celebrate the rich diversity within the school.

We will be supplying **free** tickets in advance for the event to enable us to calculate the number of people that will be attending and is open to parents, friends, staff and pupils.

Decorations needed - paper chains, posters, banners and food name cards for the hall will be made at a special resource making session on **Monday 14th March (and will welcome as much support as possible for this)**. Flags (Christine), lights (Karen) and balloons also needed. Invitations will be made and sent out to special guests and governors.

The school will provide paper plates, cutlery and napkins.

There is a possibility of having entertainment in the evening from the children of some of the parent group members (drumming (Mariatu), singing (Sussie) and dancing & singing (Riba)

A food raffle will be held to help raise funds for the school. A letter will be sent out to parents asking for donations of small parcels.

This will be first of many activities by the **Parents Group** and look forward to all your support either with resources, ticket distribution, costumes, organisation on the day, spreading the word through your **Class Reps** as well as attending our **planning meetings** to make this event a great success.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Next Meeting – Resource - 1 February 2016, 10am

(Full Planning Meeting - 22 February 2016, 10am)

Christine Burford - Secretary

