

MELDRUM PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP (MPiP)

AGM

Wednesday 21 September 2016

ATTENDANCE

Leah McKinnon, Helena McKerron, Lesley Buchan, Donna Sim, Estelle Winward, Jane Brown, Carol Harper, Hazel Fraser, Joanne Lord, Libby Davidson, Rebecca McLennan, Ewan Alexander, Kathy Rough, Jill Good, Nadia Blaney.

APOLOGIES

Alastair Beaton, Elaine Yeats, Carolyn Cooke, Julie Farquhar, Lana Duncan, Ruth Scott, Katrina McCartney, Jenny McGillivray, Gary Baxter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/AMENDMENTS

Minutes approved with no amendments.

REPORT FROM CHAIR – Leah McKinnon

It has been another successful year for MPiP. A summary of our events/activities this year are as follows.

In September 2015 Spree Books raised £440.00. Many thanks to Elaine Yeats for leading this and to everyone who supported it.

In September/October 2015 Cauliflower Cards raised £694.00. This was led by myself, Elaine Yeats and Lesley Buchan. Many thanks to everyone who supported this very popular annual fundraiser.

In October 2015 the Halloween Discos were held. This event was led by the MPiP Group Reps. Many thanks to everyone who assisted on the run up to and on the day of the event.

In November 2015 the Christmas Fair, our biggest and main annual fundraiser, raised an amazing £2255.39. This was led by myself and Donna Sim with the assistance of many others. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with the event, gave donations or raffle prizes and attended on the day.

In December 2015 School classes had their Christmas parties with snacks provided by MPiP.

In May 2016 our Boden Shopping Event raised £236.54. This event was led by myself, Elaine Yeats and Lisa Edward. Many thanks to everyone who attended, assisted with or baked for this event.

In June 2016 MPiP representatives attended the Nursery and P1 induction sessions during which refreshments were served, I delivered a talk about the role of MPiP within the school and Parents were invited to sign up to the MPiP mailing list. Many thanks to Julie Farquhar, Rebecca McLennan and Libby Davidson who assisted with Refreshments at these events.

Sports day was held with refreshments for the children provided by MPiP.

Also in June, I was invited along to watch the M&M Productions performance which is funded annually by MPiP. The show this year was Wizard of Oz and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In September 2016 the annual sum raised by the Rag Bank was £975.60. Many thanks to Elaine Yeats who introduced and ran this very successful fundraiser and to Donna Sim who has since taken over the administration of same.

To date since signing up with Easy Fundraising (November 2014) we have raised £565.12 for the school with 64 supporters. Many thanks to everyone who has participated with this fundraiser when shopping online.

In the past year money raised by MPiP has been used to fund many things some of which are:

- French Dictionary leaving gifts for P7.
- P6 and P7 homework diaries.
- Annual £500.00 allowance to buy books for the school library.
- Subscription to Education City.
- £200.00 per class bus trip or visiting specialist allowance.
- Refreshments for Sports Day.
- Class purse/allowance to be spent by Teachers on incidental expenses or resources for classrooms.
- Theatre production which includes two performances and two drama workshops for the children.
- Annual £100.00 contribution to the School Football Team.
- New playground equipment.

Fundraising, as always, is a priority for MPiP. The amount required to pay for our annual commitments fluctuates, dependant on unspent allowances, but is approximately £6000 each year which if not met would mean that we were no longer able to continue to sponsor all of the above.

The success of MPiP is dependent on the support and involvement of the entire School community and as such I would like to extend our thanks to all of the MPiP members, parents and families that have given their time and support.

Many thanks to Meldrum Primary School's Management Team, Teaching, Administrative and Janitorial Staff for their continued hard work and support.

Many thanks to my fellow Council Members and MPiP Group Reps for their contribution and hard work. I have very much enjoyed my last three years on the committee and it has been a pleasure to work with all of you, past and present.

SCHOOL REPORT – Alastair Beaton

In the absence of Alastair Beaton the Annual School Report was not available. Carol Harper to prepare an update for the next MPiP meeting on Monday 24 October 2016.

REPORT FROM TREASURER – Helena McKerron

Accounts have been independently reviewed and approved.

A very positive year for MPiP as we finished the year with £3204.70 in the bank. The main fundraising events were the Xmas Fayre, Rag Bag and the Cauliflower Cards.

There have been many other smaller fundraising activities and we are grateful to all the people who have got involved.

If the expenditure sticks to budget and the forecasted income is as estimated then at the end of school year 2017 the bank balance will be £996.70.

This year, in a difficult economy we need to focus on raising funds to relieve pressure on year 2018. Last school year we spent £1568.99 more than we raised.

We again provided the classes with an allowance of £2.50 per child to pay for incidental classroom expenses at a cost of £680.82, not all monies were spent.

School trips for P1 to P6 totalled £1888.79 down £858.96 on previous year.

Theatre Production with 2 shows cost £1495.00 which was up £395 on previous year.

Proposed budget for the upcoming year, the most recent Spree Books (September 2016) raised £420.

The income side show the potential revenue from the main fundraising events MPiP are planning to organise this year. These are “pessimists” figures and it is hoped that these amounts will be easily surpassed.

School Trips

- Each class is to be allowed 1 trip only within the £200 budget.
- Unused funds to be returned to main MPiP funds.
- Funds can be used for buses and/or entry fees.
- Funds can be used for guest speakers or other educational experience.
- Even if two classes share an event, both their allowance will be considered as used.
- Teachers are encouraged not to leave trips until last term and to please organise trips when the opportunity arises to ensure all classes benefit.

Theatre Production

Due to the increase in the number of children and the size of the gym hall we previously agreed to pay for two shows of the theatre production to make sure all children enjoy the experience. The cost of one show is £795 and having the two shows on the same day is £1,495 with two drama workshops included.

Education City

This cost on average is £1755 excluding vat. Is this value for money given usage and the current economic climate?

Education Allowance

This will replace the teachers allowance £2.50 per head £1102.50.

Mr Beaton will oversee the use of these funds. Guidance on how these funds are to be spent are as previous years. All receipts and unspent monies to be returned to MPIP by 16th June

Football

Miss Harper and Craig Buchan/ Willie Beattie will have a budget of £100 which was agreed by committee last term. We have to keep in mind that if other sporting clubs are created MPIP would have to provide equivalent support.

School Playground Equipment

We funded replacement playground equipment at a cost of £347.24. I've included a budget of £150 for this next year.

Library Books

Last year we spent £227.25 on books. There is an allowance of up to £500 set aside for this per annum.

Leaver Gifts & Diaries

Last year it was decided to give P6 and P7 homework diaries. I've included this cost this year along with the dictionaries for P7's at £220.

Sports Day

MPIP supplies water and crisps at a budget of £150.

Janitors Gift

The support that MPIP receives from the Janitors is fantastic so we have included this in the budget now of £20.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair – Helena McKerron (Proposed LM/Seconded DS).

Vice Chair – Lesley Buchan (Proposed NB/Seconded LM).

Secretary – Ruth Scott remaining in post.

Vice Secretary – Carolyn Cooke and Lana Duncan (Proposed LB/Seconded JG).

Treasurer – Jill Good (Proposed LM/Seconded HM).

Vice Treasurer – Nadia Blaney (Proposed LM/Seconded DS).

Fundraising Coordinators – Donna Sim and Libby Davidson.

Group Reps - Julie Farquhar, Rebecca McLennan, Sara Campbell, Kathryn Rintoul, Jane Nicol, Sarah Stephen, Andrea Forbes and Jill Good.

General Members – Leah McKinnon, Ewan Alexander, Joanne Lord, Estelle Winward, Kathy Rough, Rebecca McLennan, Libby Davidson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Parent Council Meeting – Monday 24 October 2016.

Halloween Discos – Friday 28 October 2016.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 26 November 2016.

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 17 January 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 22 February 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Monday 27 March 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 9 May 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 21 June 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Monday 28 August 2017.

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 19 September 2017.

Next Meeting at 7pm on Monday 24 October 2016 in School Staff Room.