

MPiP Minutes Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## APOLOGIES

Alastair Beaton, Elaine Yeats, Jane Brown.

### 1. ATTENDANCE

Ruth Scott, Leah McKinnon, Chrysa Elridge, Rachel Ferrera, Libby Davidson, Lesley Buchan, Carolyn Cooke, Rebecca McLennan, Helena McKerron, Susan Barron, Jill Good, Donna Sim, Jo Lord, Caseydee Warrander, Christine Williams, Nadia Blaney, Hazel Fraser, Carol Harper.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND UPDATES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no updates or amendments.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

- Update on school bus situation. AB absent so unable to update, he will contact affected parents directly and this matter will be deferred to the next meeting.

### 4. HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE – not available as AB absent.

### 5. TREASURER'S UPDATE

Since last meeting:

Income – rag bag collections £43.20

House T-shirts £12.00

Boden event £236.54

Easyfundraising £24.19

Expenditure – Sports Day snack £129.30

P7 diaries £134.69

P7 leaving gift (French dictionary) £143.45

School trip P6 £158.50

School leavers banner £23.09

Current bank balance £5938.26.

### 6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

No contact from MAIG re joint fundraiser, MPiP suggests a race night in March 2017. LM to contact MAIG.

## 7. MPiP GROUP REPS UPDATE

JF and JL sorted through lost property. All labelled items were returned to owner. Unlabelled clothes have been taken home to be washed and JF suggested selling these at very low cost at the Christmas Fayre. MPiP Group Reps have agreed to take responsibility for managing lost property from now on.

JF and RM intend to update school website with photo and short bio of each Group Rep. The Group Reps are looking into having an identifying uniform to wear when helping at school events, possibly a red t-shirt with the school badge. LM to investigate ordering adult sizes from company which supplies house t-shirts.

Group Reps may help at school sports day – providing tea and coffee for spectators.

Drop-in sessions to commence after the summer break – sessions for [parents new to the school to meet the Group Reps and ask questions. A suggestion box will be set up also.

2 Group Reps have left due to children moving to academy. The group will work with 8 members for now and decided whether this is sufficient.

## 8. AOB

- LD asked about people who are unable to attend MPiP meetings regularly due to other commitments – can they be part of the committee. Any parent of a child at Meldrum School is part of the parent forum. Committee members are elected at the AGM and other attendees can be general members with voting rights. AT the AGM in September MPiP will be seeking a new Chair and Vice Chair.
- LB reported that the application for basketball courts is ready and waiting for final figures from AB.
- Question about placing a barrier outside the gate into the Early Stages Playground. A barrier would need to be able to open for occasional vehicular access, this would be prohibitively expensive. The alternative being considered is modifying the baffle lower down the Early Stages Playground so it is suitable for pushchairs, a barrier could be placed outside this. ACC will cover the cost of this work but the baffle belongs to Robertsons so awaiting their approval. Bollards are to be placed at the bottom of Meadowbank where there is no pavement and the road tends to be icy in winter.
- No summer picnic this year due to other commitments.
- JF commented how well the OTTER clubs are being received. Children enjoying these sessions. Hopefully parents will have the opportunity to get involved next year.

- Childcare survey closes on Friday, once information processed the results will be shared with MPiP.
- NB asked about security – anyone could easily walk into the playground and approach the children. CH said there are always PSAs outdoors where the children are out and the children know the boundaries they are not allowed to cross. Risk assessments relating to the school site carried out by Robertsons/Aberdeenshire Council. CH to check on these.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 7PM, SCHOOL STAFF ROOM**

**MPIP AGM WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**