

MPiP Minutes Monday 24th March 2015 7pm, School Staff Room

ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Leah McKinnon, Helena McKerron, Ruth Scott, Jane Brown, Carol Harper, Hazel Fraser, Lesley Buchan, Joanne Provan, Jo Lord, Sarah Mortimer, Elaine Yeats, Gary Donald, Fraser Edward, Kathryn Michie, Jill Good, Donna Sim.

APOLOGIES

Sarah Stephen, Libby Davidson, Katrina Macartney, Joanne Evans, Alastair Beaton, Philip Michie, Rebecca McLennan, Estelle Winward, Kathryn Rintoul.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND UPDATES

No updates or alterations.

MATTERS ARISING

A site visit has been organized for Wednesday 1st April with Ian Davidson from the Roads Department re the Pedestrian Barriers on Commercial Road and safety concerns at the bottom corner of Meadowbank. LM

Two funding requests were submitted:

1. Craig Buchan requested £200 for the school football team. A one off amount of £100 for equipment and training aids and an annual payment of £100 for recognition awards and medals. The school football team is free for children in P3-P7 and is run entirely by parent volunteers. MPiP has previously provided funding to this organisation. The committee voted a unanimous yes for both the one off payment and the annual amount.
2. Mrs Bremner in Room 7 requested £200 to purchase gardening resources for a monthly gardening class. A parent volunteer will be running these monthly classes free of charge and both the garden areas of the school and the pupils in Mrs Bremner's class will benefit from these classes. If successful the classes may be repeated next year. The committee voted a unanimous yes.

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

We are still awaiting confirmation from the authority if they have appointed a teacher for Becca Elder's maternity cover. If there has been no appointment made, we are looking at the other options, one of which is Carol Harper teaching the class for the summer term.

Naomi McKee will be going on maternity leave at the summer holidays. As per authority guidelines, her post in nursery will be replaced by a nursery nurse.

New nursery nurse, Helen Stevenson will be starting in Red/Blue nursery on 11th May – this is the post currently being covered by Alastair

Over the Easter holidays, there are various works to be completed in school. Middle stages corridor, early stages corridor and area between canopy entrance and nursery will be painted. The playground area which was broken up and causing health and safety issues is to be re-tarmacked. There will also be various other pieces of maintenance carried out around the building. At the last meeting, it was suggested that parents could help to clear the playground on snowy days. This was checked with Ed McGann. Due to health and safety, insurance etc, this can't be taken forward.

Alastair met with Stuart Cornwallis, Business Support Officer (Formartine) regarding the work to be done on the container in early stages playground. This will be taken forward at authority level.

After a request at the last meeting, a link has been put on the school website with information about Active Schools. Only issue is that the blog facility on the front page of the website only shows five most recent posts meaning the post has disappeared from view. We are working with IT to try to resolve this.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Our current bank balance is £12372.30.

This month we have raised £82 from the rag bank (lower than normal but last month was a very high £247.20). A first payment of £102.01 has come from Easyfundraising. The refreshments and raffle from the Boden event raised £110.50

Expenditure this month has been £17.50 for an addition class allowance to Mrs Sherma's class. This was due to the fact that Mrs Bremner received a class allowance although her pupils were counted within their mainstream classes when calculating class allowances.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Boden Shopping event took over £4000 of sales. Our initial commission payment, minus 30% which will be reconciled after all returns have been received, was £370.60. Along with the income from refreshments, this brings the total to £481.10. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, the people who attended to support us and to the ladies who very kindly provided the wonderful homebakes. LM

A beetle drive was discussed during previous meetings but the decision was made that a summer picnic would be preferred by the majority of families as last year's

event was very popular. LM to start planning this event and will be requesting volunteers to assist in due course.

MPiP GROUP REPS UPDATE

An email about Easyfundraising was sent out last week and 9 new members have signed up since then. The group reps intend to promote the Easyfundraising app and the 'find and remind' tool for desktop computers as these both make the use of Easyfundraising very simple.

Group reps provided tea and coffee at recent nursery induction meeting. The group reps have also volunteered to serve tea and coffee at upcoming P1 induction meetings and also show samples of uniform which children can try on before ordering.

LM suggested that the sign up slips for the MPiP mailing list and leaflets promoting Easyfundraising be handed out at these events.

A P3 parent expressed disappointment that this years' P1s have not had a disco to attend, while in previous years there has been either a Halloween or Valentine's disco. Future events were discussed, there will be no time to have a disco before the summer break as we have the Easter break coming up then will be leading up to the summer picnic. The group reps will be organising a Halloween disco and consideration will be put to an event early 2016 such as Valentine's or Burns night.

AOB

Playground development – House captains have listed all the playground resources and assigned them to playgrounds by stage. By the middle of next term there should be a decision on what equipment / resources are needed and a funding request will be submitted.

There is to be a line painted in the early stages playground to show parents where to stand while waiting for children to come out at the end of the school day. Paint for this has now arrived and the line will be painted in due course.

Education City – this resource has been used within the school and for homework and is generally going well despite a couple of issues. The package is due for renewal on 7th May 2015 so feedback from all parties is welcomed.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY, 7PM, SCHOOL STAFF ROOM