

MPiP Minutes Monday 8th June 2015

ATTENDANCE

Ruth Scott, Leah McKinnon, Helena McKerron, Elaine Yeats, Fraser Edward, Carol Harper, Jane Brown, Rebecca McLennan, Joanne Lord, Libby Davidson, Lesley Buchan, Philip Michie, Estelle Winward.

1. APOLOGIES

Jenny McGillivray, Donna Sim, Hazel Fraser, Emma Davidson, Katrina McArtney, Alastair Beaton, Kathryn Michie.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND UPDATES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Funding request for P7 Leavers Event – P7 will now be funding this event themselves through ticket charges.

4. HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE (CH in AB's absence)

Staffing

Alastair Beaton is back to work. Jane, Hazel and I would like to thank Katie Budge for all her hard work and support whilst Alastair has been absent

Overall staffing is yet to be confirmed as we are awaiting information from the authority. We go into the new session with three maternity leaves - Becca Elder and Nicola Mackay who we expect to return at some point next session and Naomi McKee who is going off on maternity leave at the summer holidays. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the authority re. external appointments before we can confirm how all of these posts will be covered.

Please be assured that as soon as we are in a position to set our staffing and assign teachers for next session, we will inform parents and children and arrange our annual meet the teacher sessions.

In Nursery, we will be interviewing next week for full time permanent nursery nurse and ten hour lunchtime cover nursery nurse post. Kirsty Wilson, who has been working in Rainbow Room on Wednesdays and Thursdays, has been appointed to cover Naomi McKee's maternity leave. This is in line with authority policy to fill vacant teaching posts with a nursery nurse.

Confirmation of which nursery staff will be working in each nursery room will be issued to parents in due course.

Climbing Wall

The climbing wall structure has been rebuilt and we are waiting for the company contracted to do the work to come back and fit the hand and foot holds.

Smartboard Speakers

The new Smartboard speakers have arrived in school and are in the process of being put up in classrooms. We have some minor software issues which the authority IT department are currently resolving. Thank you to MPiP for funding this.

5. TREASURER'S UPDATE

The last Rag Bag collection raised £220 which was donated to Unicef.
The final Boden Shopping Cheque brings our total income for the event to £541.98.
Easyfundraising has raised £77.05 since the last meeting.

Expenditure this month has been
£955.25 for school trips
£1100.00 Theatre Production of Charlotte's Web
£3073.20 Smart Board speakers.
7 classes are still to have school trips and awaiting invoices for 3 nursery class trips.

6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Spree Booklet – these will be issued in the early part of the new school year.

Christmas Fayre – those who have volunteered to organise this event will be having a meeting before the end of term.

7. MPiP GROUP REPS UPDATE

Group reps have been involved in serving refreshments at the recent nursery induction evening.

We will also have some representatives serving refreshments at the forthcoming P1 induction evening later this week.

The reps have had their first initial meeting regarding Halloween. We are having another meeting before the summer holidays to discuss this further! Anyone with any feedback

regarding the event please can they email me by the 22nd
June (thesims25@btinternet.com)

8. AOB

i) SPORTS DAY

- The decision about whether to go ahead with Sports Day will be made around 8.30am on the morning of the event. This year, the 5th June started off overcast and dull with rain and cold temperatures forecast, and the grass was very wet meaning that participants and spectators would not be able to sit down during the event. Therefore, Sports Day has been rescheduled to Friday 12th June as already notified to parents in the Sports Day letter.
- On the morning of the 5th June, parents in the playground were complaining of poor communication regarding this issue. There have never been any complaints regarding cancelling sports day in the past as parents have just called the School Office that morning to check whether the event will be going ahead if needed.
- However, as technology has moved on, other methods of communication such as making a note on the school website, MPiP Facebook page and sending an MPiP email to parents were discussed
- Next year parents will be informed by letter of the ways to find out whether Sports Day will be on or not.

ii) Concerns regarding proposed new housing developments within Oldmeldrum – A total 120 new houses over 3 developments are currently seeking approval from Aberdeenshire Council. A parent voiced concerns about how an influx of new children would affect the school. The school capacity is around 515 including nursery and the council has no plans to increase this. LM to invite Councillor Paul Johnstone to the first MPiP meeting of the next session to discuss this matter.

iii) Poor turn out at MPiP meetings – LM to talk about the role of MPiP at upcoming nursery and P1 induction meetings.

iv) Configuration of the school day – Progress has been made by Alastair Beaton and Katie Budge, however the changes will not be ready to start by the beginning of the next session. May start mid year at the beginning of a term. Proposed change of school day to 9am – 3.15pm.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST, 7PM, SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

MPiP AGM MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 7PM, SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

