

Meldrum Parents in Partnership AGM 29.09.21 via Teams

Minutes from last meeting approved

<p>Head teacher update - Carol Harper Included: Digital Learning, Covid Recovery Fund, Maths across the school, outdoor learning, community links, summer projects, PEF money, staffing, school event and a thank you to everyone (parents children and staff) for support across the year.</p>	<p>Report attached below</p>	
<p>Treasurer Update - Jill Good</p>	<p>Report to follow</p>	
<p>Chair update - Linda Downie Ideas and suggestions about how MPiP can support the school and parents are very welcome. Thank you to all parents who have gotten involved thus far and to those who are stepping down from MPiP roles - thank you.</p>	<p>Report attached below</p>	
<p>Election of Members Vacancies - Vice Chair, Vice Fundraising, Secretary</p> <p>Chair - Linda Downie Vice Chair - remains vacant Secretary - Louise Fowlie Vice Secretary - Anna Cordiner Chair Fundraising - Fiona Morris Vice Fundraising - Social Media - Sarah West Community Liaison (new post) - A Finance - Jill Good Vice Finance - Karen Young</p> <p>Transition year for Finance - Karen will step up to Chair next year Vacant Positions - if you know of anyone who would like to join the committee or would like to get involved, just let us know</p>	<p>Proposed</p> <p>FM FM LF JG KY FM LB LD</p>	<p>Seconded</p> <p>LF SW LD LF LD KY LF FM</p>
<p>AOCB Future meeting</p>	<p>Future Meeting dates to be agreed and made available</p>	

MPiP Meeting 21/4/22

Head Teacher Update

Staffing

PSA Janice Collie left us before the holidays. Her post will be covered this term by Zahra Abdul

Soon, we will be made aware of staffing etc for next term soon and then we will begin the process of sorting classes and staffing for next session.

Calendar

Now that COVID restrictions have eased, we are preparing a calendar for this term to include dates for events such as Sports Day, reports, MPiP events, meet the teacher, P1 transitions etc.

First MPiP event is the school discos next weekend. The let for this was approved yesterday. We have managed to avoid janitorial charges by MPiP agreeing to move the dining tables before and afterwards

P1 and P2

P1 and P2s have moved to play in what was formerly the Quiet Playground. They play there at breaktime then at lunchtime they are able to play on the field with the older children if they choose. From next Monday, P1 and P2 will also be able to join in with the P7 House Captain playground games rota. We think this give P1 and P2 more flexibility and will support the transition from nursery to P1 as the play areas are close by nursery play areas.

Nursery

Our nursery outdoor area has finally been fenced off. This allows for the free flow indoor/outdoor access which we have been waiting for.

CHAIR UPDATE (Linda Downie)

Thank you for coming to the MPiP AGM for 2020 to 2021. The past year has been interesting and challenging to say the least and I would like to start by saying thank you so much to all of the school staff, MPiP members and the parents and carers of our children at Meldrum School for all of their hard work, creativity, dedication and flexibility that allowed us to make the last school year the best it possibly could be.

We started the school year a week earlier than planned, all desperate to get back to school after the previous period of home learning. We weren't able to plan for our usual events like our Welcome To Meldrum picnic, Halloween discos or Christmas Fayre but the children enjoyed a Halloween Otter Trail around Oldmeldrum and a fantastic family Christmas quiz on Zoom. The children had designed some Christmas cards in their classes via cauliflower cards and parents had the opportunity to order cards and gifts with their children's design.

We were also able to contribute to the children having access to an online showing of a Christmas pantomime with juice and popcorn. Unfortunately the pandemic further interrupted the school year after Christmas and home learning resumed, this time with the technology and experience in place which at least made it slightly less painful – although I think it's fair to say that all parents and children have a deep appreciation of in school learning that we may have overlooked previously! It turns out that the best way to motivate and engage your children is not to roll your eyes at them in an exasperated manner and snip 'if you'd just do it, it would be done!' at them. It turns out teaching and shaping the minds children is an art form and a skill and teachers and school staff deserve high praise and a Ferrari!

The children got back to in school learning again from the last week of February through to mid March and in time for them to draw some fantastic Easter eggs which MPiP was able to use to put up an Easter egg trail around Oldmeldrum during the spring holidays. In the summer term MPiP placed orders for the house T-Shirts and contributed some money towards local school trips for some of the children as the restrictions at the time allowed. MPiP also contributed to the P7 leavers with gifts of calculators and money for them to have a BBQ at their activity week. We also donated crisps and juice for all of the children for their end of term class parties. We have also had regular termly meetings of MPiP with updates and our last meeting included Katie Sprang our linked Ed psych who gave us some information on her role and also some resources for helping us as parents to manage our children's anxiety.

Our plans for this year take into account the current situation, acknowledging that although a lot of restrictions have eased COVID is still having a big impact on all of us and we have a responsibility to make sure we're not adding to the burden of disease within the community more than is necessary. We have decided not to plan for large gatherings such as the picnic or Christmas Fayre but will look at other ways of connecting and fundraising.

We're looking forward to our first parents peer support walk and talk tomorrow morning, with some refreshments provided by the co-op for tea, coffee and biscuits at the church hall at the end.

We'll arrange a sponsored activity event over the October holidays to encourage activity and do a little fundraising to support the school in their activities to help enrich our children's educational experience. We'll look into alternative Christmas activities to keep the festive spirit and hope to plan a spring or early summer Fayre this school year all things going well! We're always keen to hear ideas for events or activities. tree queens jubilee.