

MINUTES

Milton Primary School – Parent Council Meeting

Monday 7th November 2022

In Attendance

Jill Pate (Chair JP), Michelle Wailes (Treasurer MW), Jude Clarke (Secretary JC)

Lorna James (Headteacher LJ), Gillian Prentice (Principal teacher GP), Jaclyn Bunten (Principal Teacher JB)

Charlotte Neilson (CN), Peter Ferrier (PF), Alison Shaw (AS), Clare Hislop (CH), Janet Graham (JG), Rebecca Johnstone (RJ), Marla Clark (MC), Lesley Prentice (LP), Rachel Kellie (RK), Robert Lennox (RL)

Cllr. Ross Lambie

1. Apologies

Jenny Manson (JM), Mary Brownlie (MB), Hazel McShane (HM), Annie Watson (AW), Vicki Brennan (VB), Sandra Gardiner (SG), Ross Gowland (RG)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes – Adopted by JC, Seconded by JG

3. Head Teacher Update (see Appendix)

4. Wellburn Farm Housing Development Proposal

- Discussion about a pre-application for a housing development for 225 houses in a field between Strathaven Road and Tesco. The pre-application has gone through with a full planning application coming soon. The land is already zoned for housing.
- Council records confirm that Milton and the High School have capacity for the potential increase in pupils. Milton capacity is 363 (11 classes of 33). Current role is 169.
- Concerns can be raised and comments submitted at the planning application stage through South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) planning portal. Parent Council to liaise with Community Council (who are required to be consulted).

5. Devolved School Management

- SLC have highlighted that the Parent Council have a role to work with the school to manage the school budget. JC highlighted that LJ is good at keeping the parent council informed and consulted.

6. Financial Report

- Pantomime has been paid for by the school and Parent Council will reimburse their portion. Parent Council funds will almost fully used but monies due to go in (see below).
- Halloween discos (great turnout) brought in around £280 as Tesco (through VB) provided drinks and crisps.
- 99 packs of cards ordered so around £280 profit gained from those.
- Grant applications in process – Community Council grant applied for £500 (2 ipads), Loaningdale Trust grant for £1200 about to be applied for (transport).
- Christmas Fayre funds to go to buying more ICT equipment (see “ICT refresh” in Headteacher Update Appendix).
- Other funds to look into – windfarm grant (JP to research) and ask Paterson Quarries (LJ).

7. Fundraising - Christmas Fayre

- Friday 2nd December 1.30 to 3.30 - £2 on door entry fee (under 5s free)
- Agreement that the usual stalls fine; tombola, raffle, bottle guess, card games etc.
- Five external stallholders confirmed, two TBC.
- Kids class crafts planned and stall for house captains/vice captains.
- Santa's grotto £2/3 depending on gift, discussion over whether selection boxes or other gifts could be given. Maybe business could fund? RL enquiring with Co-op.
- Tea room - RL to provide cups.
- Home baking/donations welcomed.
- For anyone that can help set up will be at the school 10 till 12 and then from 1 onwards on the day.
- Volunteers
 - Full day - JP, JC, JG, RL, HM, CH, AW, MW, Ken Neilson (KN)
 - Half day – AS, LP

8. AOCB

- Potential future events (possible venues Hollandbush, Lesmahagow Bowling Club)
 - Feb race night? May clash with McKirdy Park fundraiser
 - Tesco bag pack
 - Donations for Music Magpie
 - Swap shop

2023 Meeting Dates of meetings: Mondays 7pm - 6 February 2023, 15 May 2023.

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Head Teacher's Report



Infant Area Flood

- Flood from water cooler during Oct week. All four classrooms in the infant area affected.
- New carpets, currently progressing through insurance.
- P1, P1/2, P2/3 are using two classrooms upstairs and ICT suite in the interim.

Christmas Plans

- Two carol concerts – one morning and one afternoon (14th and 15th Dec). £1 ticket price along with a hamper raffle at each concert – this will pay for Christmas party food and gifts.
- Parties are already in the diary and we have secured the man in red for a visit to the younger party.

ICT Refresh

- Due to take place at the end of January.
- Our ICT refresh is a rolling programme and looks at our ICT provision across the school but this refresh is a big one! Every computer will be affected as well as our physical server which will be removed as we are moving to the cloud.
- Class workstations will remain the same at this refresh but we are going to lose 16 out of our current 28 Chromebooks and these will not be replaced. The 16 machines going have software on them which is no longer supported and so are therefore a risk on the network.
- 11 workstations in the ICT suite will be removed but only 6 of these will be replaced with workstations - the rest will be replaced with Chromebooks.
- In the past we have been able to upgrade the Chromebooks to workstations but the cost this time is prohibitive.

- We are losing so many Chromebooks because RM class these as school buys which mean they are over and above the allocation that they give to us based on school roll.
- In summary, net loss (post replacements) are 10 Chromebooks, 5 workstations and 1 laptop = 16 devices. Ideally school would look to replace these with 16 ipads, approx. cost £5,600 - £6,400.
- GP to confirm that any school bought ipads would be outside the scope of future ICT refreshes i.e., if they were no longer supported by RM they could still be kept and used offline by the school.

Homework Survey

- GP update from Pupil Council

Summary by JC

- The results of the survey were 53% saying homework had no benefit and 47% happy with homework as it is.
- Tricky to strike a balance as neither one nor the other.
- Discussion with pupil council gave some good ideas.
- As encouraged by parent response, there will be more consistency in the use of platforms and a slight reduction in homework with more on a focus by week.
- Planning 4 weeks, 1st week literacy, 2nd week numeracy, 3rd week literacy and 4th week consolidation where needed.
- Next steps
 - Plan to discuss with teachers.
 - Implementation will be in the new year.