

MINUTES

Milton Primary School – Parent Council Meeting

Monday 6th February 2023

In Attendance

Michelle Wailes (Chair in JP absence & Treasurer MW), Jude Clarke (Secretary JC),
Lorna James (Headteacher LJ), Gillian Prentice (Principal Teacher GP), Jacqueline Bunten
(Principal Teacher JB),
Peter Ferrie (PF), Alison Shaw (AS), Janet Graham (JG), Marla Clarke (MC), Hazel McShane
(HM), Vicki Brennan (VB), Ross Gowland (RG), Sandra Gardiner (SG)

1. Apologies

Jill Pate (JP), Jenny Manson (JM), Clare Hislop (CH), Mary Brownlie (MB), Lesley Prentice (LP),
Rachel Kellie (RK), Rebecca Johnstone (RJ)

Thanks to Charlotte and Ken Neilson who are moving to Yorkshire for their input in the Parent Council.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes – Adopted by AS, Seconded by HM

3. Head Teacher Update (see Appendix)

4. Financial Report

- Loaningdale grant of £2000 received and transferred to the school to cover transport costs. A microgrant of £250 from Lesmahagow Community Council is still to be received. No response from Co-op grant application so assumed a no. JP will research funding from windfarms later in year, probably April. Eco funding highlighted by LJ but date at end of Feb so no PC doesn't have time to apply.
- Education city first payment due to be paid. Discussion about whether to keep back money or are we happy to assume we raise more to cover future costs. Conclusion was to have a small base around £300-500 but happy to assume more funds to cover costs will come.
- PC happy to cover the cost of two ipads using the fayre money (2x331=£662).

5. Other event idea

Tea towels were discussed in previous meeting but no progress.

Bag pack and blue tokens, VB still to hear from Norah, Tesco. Date in April, May (not first week) or June.

MGT next year

Highland Games – JC to arrange meeting with those interested to decide theme and progress

Discussion about potential or hamper raffle where donations make the hamper and raffle tickets sent home with each child. Message clear that participation optional. Gambling licence would be needed (MW to advance).

6. Christmas Fayre Debrief

Discussion about what went well at the fayre and what improvements could be made.

- Encouragement at the beginning to channel people in different directions to avoid the gym hall bottle neck.
- Raffles may be better in opposite diagonally corner to stop build up at the door.
- Stall holders did very well and all keen to come back. More stalls might be an option.
- Santa grotto – queries over gift. Selection boxes expected by some. Research to be made to try and get gifted boxes for next year.
- Point made that it would be good to have earlier discussions for the fayre as some felt it was all last minute.

7. Race Night plans

- Cost to stay the same £4 adult, £1 child, 50p a bet.
- 7 races in total, 3 adult races, 3 children races and 1 auction race.
- 6 race sponsorship needed - £20. To buy horse in each race - £2.
- SG happy to calculate the odds.
- People needed – 3 on the door, 3 on the bets.
- Other things - £1 square game, raffle, rolling the coin.
- Parent Council members request tickets then facebook used to advertise.
- Volunteers – Judith Clarke, Jill Paton, Michelle Wailles, Janet Graham, Sandra Gardiner, Hazel McShane & Jenny Mason (maybe)

8. Traffic

JC asked RG to investigate whether there were plans to provide traffic calming measures in Lesmahagow. Highlighted that 20 zones are being implemented in many South Lanarkshire towns and villages. Lesmahagow has a narrow high street and two main routes from the school so it would be expected that the same 20 zone be implemented in Lesmahagow. Added to that need is the current development of the estate next to the church on the old high school site as well as the longer term plan for Wellburn housing estate. RG said he would enquire.

9. AOCB

- P7 leavers – calculator cost and £10 per head for each child attending the leavers party to be given. The £10 should be used towards venue cost or experience rather than gift. Receipts must be provided. JC to report back
- P7 leavers can wear hoodies on Fridays once they get them. After that JB will be able to let them know when they can wear them.

Dates of meetings 2023:

Monday 7pm - 15 May 2023

APPENDIX – Head Teacher’s report



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Head Teacher’s Report

Infant Area Flood

- New carpets have now been laid and the children will be back in their classes this week.
- We originally didn’t think we would be having the library replaced but this has been replaced too.

HMIe Report Officially signed off

- LJ attended Council chambers last week in January. Hybrid model of meeting online and in person. Jacqueline Wallace talked through the main points of the report and councillors were able to question myself and Jacqueline on anything afterwards.
- Very positive comments from the Councillor Gowland, Horsham and Lambie and recognition of the work of the Parent council in supporting the school and the wider community. The Carluke Councillor led a round of applause.

ICT Refresh

- The refresh went smoothly and all computers are now set up in accordance to SLC/RM programming.
- Disposal of – 1 laptop, 11 workstations, 28 chrome books.
- School has purchased 1 laptop, 3 iPads.
- As part of the refresh, we have received 18 Chromebook and 8 work stations.
- Our wish list was to have 10 iPads over the coming two years. We have purchased 3 so far and would ask if the Parent Council would consider funding 2 this session and a further 3 next session if possible.
- I have looked at grants and Digital Xtra have a grant for extra-curricular activities involving digital technologies. We applied for this last year but were unsuccessful but have been told a joint school bid may be more successful so we are working with Coalburn Primary School to put in a joint bid for which would also include a number of iPads to be used in each school.
- Education City – outstanding contribution is £711.13 (Oct '23) and £711.13 (Oct '24)

Homework

- Early days but initial thoughts...from a teacher's point of view it is more easily managed.
- The children who have always done homework continue to do so and seem to enjoy the games element as well. Reading continues as normal each week. Reading week and consolidation week appears to be popular with the children.
- There continues to be children who do not engage with homework.