

MINUTES

Milton Primary School – Parent Council Meeting

Monday 15th May 2023

In Attendance

Jill Pate (Chair JP), Jude Clarke (Secretary JC)

Lorna James (Headteacher LJ), Gillian Prentice (Principal Teacher GP), Jaclyn Bunten (Principal Teacher JB), Peter Ferrier (PF), Alison Shaw (AS), Janet Graham (JG), Marla Clarke (MC), Hazel McShane (HM), Vicki Brennan (VB), Sandra Gardiner (SG), Mary Brownlie (MB), Kyra Martin Barrera (KMB)

1. Apologies

Michelle Wailes (MW), Jenny Manson (JM), Clare Hislop (CH), Rebecca Johnstone (RJ)

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

3. Head Teacher Update (see Appendix)

- There was discussion about the sports day and the choice to have it within the school. Noted it was too late to change plans for this year.
- Future ideas
 - Getting more opinions (pupils, parents/carers)
 - Having a parent attended one every second year
 - Could split the school P1-P3 and P4-P7
 - Could use the high school

LJ will consider all that was discussed when planning for future events.

4. Lesmahagow High School P7 Transition Discussion

- The representative from the high school was not able to attend as planned.

5. Financial Report

- £250 from Lesmahagow Community Council (Renewable Energy microgrant) received and transferred to school
- Race night profit ~ £600
- ~ £1800 given to school to cover education city subscription payment and 2 ipads.
- ~ £63 in from rag bag.
- Remaining balance - £2,512.16

- School expected to ask for 3 more ipads to be funded by Parent Council in 2023/24 (assuming sufficient funds)

6. Fundraising - other event ideas

- 2nd September bag pack at Tesco
- Milton's got talent (MGT) for next year
- Another disco would be good in the spring as there is demand and the kids loved it.
- Table top sale/Jack & Jill market with a tombola

7. Highland Games float update

- Progressing with help from several parents involved. Craft sessions upcoming.

8. P7 Leavers

- Thursday 22nd June 9:30 – leavers assembly
- Reminder Parent Council will donate £10 per head for those who attend the leavers party to be used for experiences/venue/food (not gifts).
- High school provides scientific calculators so agreed not to gift calculators as in prior years. JP to work on getting 27 maths/stationery sets and engraved pens.

9. AOCB

- Noticeboard at Woodpark, of interest at Milton? Agreed as good idea, will look into next school year.
- Craft for float could be done at a school craft club for next year, VB would do.
- Female football, girls can attend local clubs but would be good to get active schools to promote.
- Parents evening to have pre loved uniform laid out.

Dates of meetings 2023/2024:

Monday 7pm – 18 Sept 2023

Monday 7pm – 6th Nov 2023

Monday 7pm – 5 Feb 2024

Monday 7pm – 13th May 2024

Note: An extra meeting to be in November in the run up to the Christmas fayre for those involved. Will be arranged nearer the time and will not be at the school due to one let per month arrangement

APPENDIX – Head Teacher’s report

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Head Teacher’s Report



Thank you to PC

- A thank you to the support of the Parent Council again this year for the various events held and the money raised and donated to help with Education City, the panto visit, the Loaningdale Grant which helped with transport costs and two iPads.
- A thank you to Sandra who will be leaving us at the end of this session.
- Pupil thank you – letters and posters.

ICT

- A thank you for the Parent Council contributions to the school this year for Education City for a further three years and also for the two iPads. We had originally asked if the PC would be able to help with another three iPads but we will be able to purchase these with replacement equipment money and no longer need the Parent Council to fund this.

Sports Day

- Same as last year – Potted Sports/Races in School.
- We were last at Glebe in 2019, the last classes to remember at this being held at the Glebe are P5-7.
- Main issues - Safety– Child Protection, filming, photos, non-disclosure of address/school.
- Primary 6 – Sports Ambassadors – taking this on as part of Sports Scotland Gold Award. Will be planning this with SMT at beginning of June. Pupil leadership is an action point within Gold award that we need to target, this will allow P6 to gain valuable experience that they can take onto P7.
- Weather issues, bigger range of activities, rather than just flat races.
- Many other opportunities for adults to be in school at events throughout the school session (Christmas show/nativity, come and see, class assemblies).

Enrolment/Classes

- All new Primary 1 families joining in August have been contacted and our rising 5s days will go ahead as normal with a parental meeting on the final day when pupils have lunch with their buddy. Jill will be able to attend the final meeting to give an input to new families about Parent Council.
- We have a number of deferrals this year and at present it looks like we have 17 pupils who will be joining us in Primary 1 next session which will allow us to have 7 straight classes in our configuration although this always comes with the caveat that there is often movement over the Summer and classes are always subject to change.
- Staffing is still being finalised at present, hope to share this as soon as we can.

Coronation Fun Day

- Fun Day at the Glebe and McKirdy Park and then a silent disco in school.
- Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and the weather stayed kind for most of the day.

Come and See Day – Number Talks

- Glad to be back to pre-covid events like this once again.
- Number Talks based on how children learn number concepts and discussion around process rather than product.
- Great turn out and evaluations were really positive from those who attended.
- Next session we would be looking to share the learning of either a writing or spelling session.

LHS Transition Days

- Primary 7 will have their two transition days to Lesmahagow High School on the 13th and 14th of June. There have been a number of events with the pupils going to the High School and vice versa.
- They thoroughly enjoyed their science visit where they were working with the Bunsen burners and gained their 'Licence to Burn'.
- The many transition events help to allay any fears of moving to High School and also helps with meeting new staff before starting.

School Improvement Priorities 2023/24

- PM writing – 2nd year of a three year programme. Learning Community Project with Bent and Blackwood – opportunities for teacher peer observations and moderation will continue.
- Spelling Development - side ways move from Active Literacy. Spelling chronological spelling ages could be improved from data collated this session. This continues to be a theme across the learning community and will be a focus for next session.
- Assessment and moderation – reflective of assessments in addition to our annual quality management calendar of assessment.
- Parent Contributions/suggestions from newsletter.
- Pupil Natter to gather pupil views and the pupil council have been working with Mrs Prentice on our Curriculum Rationale which will be on our website in the new session.

PEF Allocation/Participatory Budget

- Our allocation for session 23/24 will be £21600 was based on the pupil census survey.
- It has been raised repeatedly that some school allocations do not fully represent the demographic and level of need but this came from Government not SLC.
- There will again be a 5% participatory budget taken from this amount which pupils and parents/carers will be involved in spending.

Cost of the School Day

- We have a Cost of the School Day Position Statement but this will be moved to a policy document as we receive new guidance from SLC.
- Difficult decisions across the authority in the months and years to come and something we as a school continue to be very mindful about.