

MINUTES

Milton Primary School – Parent Council AGM

Monday 6th November 2023



In Attendance

Jill Pate (Chair JP), Peter Ferrier (Vice Chair PF), Jude Clarke (Secretary JC), Michelle Wailes (Treasurer MW)

Lorna James (Headteacher LJ), Gillian Prentice (Principal Teacher GP), Jaclyn Bunten (Principal Teacher JB), Alison Shaw (AS), Vicki Brennan (VB), Jenny Manson (JM), Suzy Graham (SG), Steven Strachan (SS), Marla Clarke (MC), Ailsa Lorimer (AL)

Apologies

Janet Graham (JG), Hazel McShane (HM), Mary Brownlie (MB), Clare Hislop (CH)

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes – Adopted by SS, Seconded by VB

2. Head Teacher Update

- Netball Uniform planned – skorts and red polo shirt, 10 sets needed funded by PC funds or sponsorship? JP to confirm.
- Lorna reported that all Head Teachers had been asked by Carole McKenzie, Executive Director to signpost the budget survey which can be accessed from QR code on front door. Lorna has a budget meeting mid November to listen to budget proposals which will then be made available in February. JP to share survey link on Facebook

3. Financial Report

- Halloween disco made £411 with 137 kids attending. MW/JP want to thank all for contributions, music etc.
- Hopscotch panto visit to pay (end November)
- Next education city installment
- Netball nets £250 for two
- Account balance is £3,436.80

4. Fundraising

Halloween disco debrief

- JC mentioned that there were some issues at the entrance with traffic and children waiting. Discussion that using the fire exit (from hall) might help so two places for in and out for next year.
- Tesco's contribution of sweets went down well.
- P1-3 games were tricky, may need rethink for next year. Discussion that more time for dancing in P4-7 would be beneficial. Point made that keeping them busy keeps them entertained.
- School to ask in pupil natter for opinions about disco.

Christmas Fayre

- 8 external stall holders booked in including pupil stall for netball funds
- PC Games planned – santa's chimney, cards with sweets, bottle bag
- Raffle on upstairs landing, tombola on stage, books on downstairs landing
- Tearoom – homebaking, JP to ask nearer the time. Donation tin to be put out again and sell "leftover" homebaking in bags at end
- VB provided sum up machine, account to be set up prior – will be used for raffle
- SS providing selection boxes
- VB to do grotto decor
- Supermarkets to be asked for donations of tea/coffee/cups/plates/milk – VB to ask Tesco, MC to ask Scotmid, JC to ask co-op
- All to bring jugs
- Stall to people allocation according to JPs list

5. Other fundraising

- Loaningdale application for £2,000 transport costs applied for by JP – next meeting 7 December
- Discussion around grants. Scottish Power sustainable grant PF to progress with LJ. AL provided a list of the many grants available from wind farms including KMPC, Auchrobert, Cumberhead, REF (renewable energy fund). AL said that the funds are

very keen to get more engagement as the money is not allocated for a lot of the funds. Grant application requires PC and school resource.

- Other upcoming ones – small grants from LCC (Lesmahagow Community Council) and LDT (Lesmahagow Development Trust), Hagshaw and Brokencross. LJ stated that the main requirement is still ICT (computers). Also some funding needed for the outdoor learning play area at the back of the school. Discussion about group applications between schools often more successful. Tesco blue tokens are an online application.
- Other fundraising ideas discussed included pamper night, afternoon tea, race night, quiz night, band night. It was concluded that a quiz night at the end of February, start of March would be more accessible. JP to look at venues.
- Spring disco in May planned. Date TBC. Possible beach party theme.
- No Milton's Got Talent at the moment, a lot of work and clashes with school show.
- Spring colouring planned at easter, £1 a sheet with an easter egg as a prize.

6. AOCB

- VB wants to get the pupil council to work to choose the theme for the Highland Games float next year. JC to look into potential for grant to help fund.
- PVG, if any parents/carers have PVG carried out for any purpose, please hand a copy of it into the school office.
- Mobile phones in use close to school raised by MW, LJ to remind in assembly of policy.
- PF has a photographer contact to potentially provide next year's photos.

Dates of meetings 2023/2024:

Monday 7pm – 5 Feb 2024

Monday 7pm – 13th May 2024