**Milton Primary School Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes - Monday 18th February 2019**

Present - Sandra Gardiner (Chair), Jude Clarke (Secretary), Hazel McShane, Colin Bates, Kenny Shaw, Marguerite Schinkel, Sarah Allison, Moira Fell, Mrs L James, Mrs J Bunten, Mrs G Prentice, Mrs Weir

1. Apologies: none
2. Previous meeting minutes (12th Nov 18)

Issues: none

Adopted by: Colin  
Seconded by: Marguerite

1. Correspondence

* Parents as Partners Newsletter (circulated)
* Application submitted to Loaningdale Trust for Grant Funding - cheque for £1250 received
* Confirmation of Holiday dates for 2019/20 & 2020/21

a) Changes - schools close on Fri 20th Dec 19, and Wed 24th June 20

b) In service moved from Tue 4th May 21 to Thur 6th May 21 (due to Scottish Gov elections)

1. Head Teacher’s Report

* Student Play Therapist giving 100 hours free at the end of March. Staff to look at referrals. Will be Fridays 12-2. Will include art therapy, is play based, child centred/led. Intention is to explore feelings through therapy.
* Homework heroes for P4-7, P1-3 will be next term. It is held on Wednesdays 3-4pm. Invitation to pupils needing further consolidation. Will be a block of five weeks with interactive games. High pupil to staff ratio allowing 1 to 1 coaching. Tailored approach allowing extra practice to boost motivation.
* Primary 1 enrolment for 20/21 seems likely to be higher than the previous two years.
* Staffing levels are back to normal.

1. School Improvement Plan

* Jacqueline Wallis visiting on the 6th of March to advise on plan.
* Plans made for staff to visit other schools.

1. Tesco Uniform Update

* Order received, and logo issue sorted.
* Update - Tesco Uniform Embroidery closed on 12 Feb - transferred to "My Clothing".
* School will continue to receive 5% of sales for the first 3 years.
* Mrs James will check with Gaynor Smith if the school has received any of the money so far.

1. AOCB

* Margaret Bell - concern re. High School buses sitting on Strathaven Road, with engines running for up to 45 mins before high school comes out. Passed on High School Parent Council details for her.
* Mark Horsham (SNP Councillor) has expressed an interest in coming along to a meeting - just incase we wish to raise anything with him. Mark to be invited to the meeting in May allowing issues to be discussed then.
* PTA Bag Pack - Tesco raised with us again the opportunity to be part of the Bags of Help (blue tokens) to win £4k, £2k or £1k. Runs every 2 months. Also the Tesco Centenary Grants £25k, £10k, £5k available. They have to show a link to community improvement. Mrs James mentioned ongoing issue with the MUGA. The MUGA was not built by the council or then adopted by them. It needs resurfacing at a cost ~ £60,000. May be possible that the Tesco grant could be applied for for that if MUGA could then be used by the community.
* The Lesmahagow Development Trust (LDT) is due to start getting funds from the nearby windfarm. Discussion could be made with them about whether the funds could help with the resurfacing.

1. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 13th May 2019