

Milton Primary School Parent Council

AGM - 9th September 2019

AGENDA

Present - Sandra Gardiner (Chair), Judith Clarke (Secretary),

Hazel McShane, Sarah Allison, Kenny Shaw

Mrs L James, Mrs J Bunten, Mrs G Prentice, Councillor Colin McGavigan

1. Apologies - Marguerite Schinkel & Mark Horsham
2. Previous Minutes (meeting 13 May 19)
 - Change of meeting from 11 Nov to 25 Nov to accommodate PTA
 - Adopted by: Hazel McShane
 - Seconded by: Sarah Allison
3. Review of Constitution
 - No amendments received
4. Continuation/Changes of Office Bearers

Secretary – Judith Clarke
Chairperson – Sandra Gardiner

5. Correspondence:

Received:

- Anne Winton – Invitation to Q&A Session with John Swinney (5 Oct – forwarded all)
- Sarah Allison – re Postcode lottery funding possibilities (unfortunately excludes PTA's/Parent Councils)
- Email from Durham Community Trust – re Kype Muir Windfarm funding (confirming open for applications now)
- Anne Winton – confirmation of Parent Council Insurance

Sent:

- Email to Elspeth Martin, High School Parent Council – advising of our meeting dates
- Jill Pate, PTA advising them of our meeting dates
- Mark Horsham & Colin McGavigan inviting to future meetings

- ## 6. Chairpersons Report for Year 18/19

- See below

- ## 7. Head teachers Report / School Improvement Plan

- Mrs James outlined the school priorities.
- Change in plans due to decrease in funding.
- Able to increase languages due to extra help increase but decrease in new resources for numeracy. MALT testing. J.Bunten and G.Prentice focussing on writing. Using IDL (indirect dyslexia learning) ongoing. Resource not yet decided. The South Lanarkshire recommendation for writing - Talk for writing is not suitable for the school after consideration. Literacy focus, pick out specific spelling words and work on them. Staff will take further consideration about what would work well.

- Observations took place this week and from classes observed so far, all children have settled well with their new teacher and high expectations are in place for staff and pupils.
- P5 to do dominoes at Development trust every other week.
- Discussion with the Glebe sheltered housing - St Andrews themed visit - poetry first and may start reading.
- Cost of day assessment includes - uniform, projects, ICT and excursions. The school do subsidise, however budget decrease due to PEF decrease. Therefore the school will have to reduce subsidising. Tuck shop etc to help. Cost of the School Day report - can be found under the 'About Us' tab of the website.
- Clubs relies on volunteers, if variety given, a cost of coaching.
- Reminder of school uniform; white polo shirt/shirt, black trousers/skirt, red jumper/cardigan. Preference for school badge. Red t-shirts, tartan/check pinafores and dresses not uniform.
- Uniform grant not means tested, low uptake.

8. MUGA Flooring - Update from Councillor McGavigan and Lorna James

- South Lanarkshire Council have 76 MUGAS and 11 are on the priority list. This does not include Milton's. Modernisation team can be contacted to discuss with the school or council. Further discussions planned and costings checked through the modernisation team.
- Discussion around grant options. Some grants require public access to be available. The modernisation team could be invited in to advise.

9. Future Meeting / Structure of Parent Council

- Discussion about the future of the meeting.
- Decision on keeping the Parent Council and PTA separate but could make them the same night.
- Parent Council can be used as a tool to increase discussion of parents views on school plans.
- Sandra Gardiner to take the same night plan to the PTA.
- Decision to carry on with separate November meetings, may change for the 2020 meetings.

10. AOCB

- Uniforms
 - Money from Tesco (5% paid to school), nothing yet received, SG to chase.
 - Concerns re tartan pinafores/red polo shirts/tracksuit trousers - discussed above
- P1 induction dates - There was concern at lack of notice to new P1 parents re induction visits. Mrs James communicated that the notice given was as much notice as possible due to the current staffing and cover arrangements within the school at that time.
- Visual Stress Referral - Judith Clarke highlighted that visual stress referral can be done through the GP. If done privately there is a significant cost.
- RBS to be contacted about £250 grant by Hazel McShane.
- Parent Council Parents agreed to the formation of a Whatsapp group to allow better communication.
- Parents As Partners Annual Conference - This will take place on Wednesday, 13 November 2019 at 6.45pm in the Banqueting Hall, Almada Street, Hamilton. To support the launch of the new South Lanarkshire 'parental involvement and engagement strategy' some parents have produced a film which shows what matters to them. The film will premier on the night with all parents welcome.

11. Dates of Next Meeting –

- Monday 25th November 2019

Following November meeting, the dates may change with a PTA and parent council night merge. The timing of the parent council may change to be 6:30 to 7:30pm.

- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 18th May 2020

Chairperson Report – Sept 19

Main Function

The Main Functions of the Parent Council are:

- a. Support the school in its work with pupils and parents
- b. Represent the views of Parents/Carers
- c. Promote contact and communication between school, parents, pupils, and the wider community
- d. Report to the Parent Forum

Meetings

Meeting were held in September, November, February & June

Parent Council

Chairperson: Mrs Sandra Gardiner

Secretary: Mrs Judith Clarke

Current Members: Colin Bates, Marie Cox; Sarah Allison; Marguerite Schinkel; Moira Fell; Kenny Shaw

Issues Reviewed during the Year

Loaningle Dale

Grant funding of £1250 was received in December 18 from Loaningle Dale. This is being used towards transport costs for pupils attending trips, sports competitions, swimming lessons.

School Improvement Plan

Mrs James has informed the Parent Council of the Improvement Plan and updates through the year

Pupil Equity Fund

Additional funds from Scottish Government to improve attainment in school

Based on free school meal uptake, Amount can vary as dependent on no's claiming free school meals – but this is being reviewed

Funds used toward additional staffing, numeracy & literacy resources, and staff training (ie intervention training)

School Uniform

Tesco – arrangement in place for Milton Logo to be on uniform ordered via Tesco. This was withdrawn in Feb 19, with logo passed on to “My Uniform”

5% should be received back to the school, but as yet nothing has been received.

Books for School

Tokens collected between Sept – Nov resulted in 105 new books being received.

MUGA

Resurfacing is needed and discussions have started re what needs done, how much it will cost, how to do it, and how to fund it.

Involvement of Councillor McGavigan important as our contact within the Council

S Gardiner looking into options for grant funding, with Banks Renewables (Kype Muir Windfarm monies) a real possibility

Ongoing issues to be discussed can be raised by any Parent /Carer of a Milton pupil, either via the school office email, marked for the attention of the Parent Council.