

Minutes of Methlick School Parent Council

Thurs 28th Aug 2014

Present	Jim McWilliam	Mrs Guy (Head)	Mrs Macintosh
	Nicola Baird	Lou Jowitt	Lionel Snodgrass
	Claire Brown	Sandy Pullar	Fiona Lawrence
	Tom McKean		
Apologies	Laura Bruce	Yvonne Mitchell	

	Action
<p>1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim welcomed all present & introductions were made for new members. Mrs Guy was welcomed. It was noted that 2 positions are currently available on the Committee as Sharon Harries has stepped down. <p>2 PREVIOUS MINUTES. Approval of MSPC minutes from meeting held 4th June 2014 were proposed by Lionel and seconded by Lou.</p> <p>3 HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Roll – The school roll stands at 101. 3 new pupils will be joining us before the October Holidays bringing the role up to 104. • New P1’s have settled in well with the help of their Buddies & begin full days 1st September. • Phonic Workshops & a Curriculum Evening has been set up as part of the induction programme. • Staffing. Mrs Macdearmid has returned from Maternity Leave & is job sharing with Mrs McIntosh in P2/3. Our probationary Teachers have settled in well with Mr Reid teaching P6/7 & Miss Deans teaching P1/2. Each Wednesday they are out of class to meet with their Authority Mentor & Mrs Sherhan 7 Mrs Loggie will be covering their classes during these times. Miss MacGillivray is our new permanent member of staff for the P3/4 class. • Visiting Specialists. We have 4 visiting specialists this year for music, PE, ICT & French. Jim Stott will continue to teach recorder & Country Dancing. • Authority/Cluster Staff. Our new QIO is Sheila Marr. We also have a new Education Psychologist, Laura Hubbard. Mrs Murray, our Support for learning teacher will continue her visits on Wednesdays. Maggie Milne will also continue to provide pupil support where required on Monday mornings. • Rota kids. Gordon Bullock will be discussing this year’s programme with Mr Reid & Mrs Guy shortly. • Our Pupils. New House Captains & Pupil Council Reps will be elected within the next 2 weeks. Over the coming weeks Mrs Guy has set aside time to spend with all pupils. 	

- **Zoolab** are visiting the School 10th Sept to deliver science workshops for all pupils.
- **Our Parents.** Some parents have already responded to the request contained in the newsletter to share their skills with the pupils at Methlick. A list of names and details will be compiled in due course.

4 CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

Jim has been very busy contacting various Organisations & Charitable Bodies in the hope of securing funding for the planned outdoor play equipment that has been estimated to cost approximately £13000. He will get back to us in due course when he has had appropriate responses.

Jim

New MSPC Member. At this point Claire Brown was voted onto the Committee by Fiona Lawrence & seconded by Jim McWilliam. Jim takes Claire's details and will add her to the mailing list.

Jim

Subcommittee. A subcommittee was set up to concentrate on the fundraising efforts for the outdoor play equipment. Members on this committee are Jim, Lionel & Claire.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance is £2343.36, £125.58 float & approx £50 of outstanding transactions.

£75.58 was raised selling teas/biscuits at the last open afternoon held on 19th June.

Currently the accounts are being audited by Ronald Storey.

6 MSPC COMMUNICATION

Tom suggests arranging a link for a new MSPC Communication Website for parents to view. The link will be via the School Website. On this website which Jim will set up, details of MSPC members will be listed, as will minutes & any other business. Tom suggests that the minutes be saved in an Image PDF file so as to add extra security for viewing. It was agreed that after minutes have been approved and uploaded that the School would be notified to let parents/carers know. Minutes will still be put up on the School notice board.

Jim

Kate Bloomfield will be added to the MSPC email contact list to ensure she is kept informed of business.

7 CHRISTMAS PANTO TRIP

Laura had asked via email about plans that had been previously discussed re booking a Pantomime trip for the whole School. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that Mrs Guy would ask Shona Webster to ascertain availability and costs for tickets for Christmas this year & would get back to the MSPC in due course with costs & availability. MSPC will consider funding this or possibly ask parents for a small contribution toward costs.

Mrs Guy
Shona

8 FUNDRAISING EVENTS (BIG RAFFLE)

Sandy reminded the committee of expiry dates on some of the donations for our Big Raffle & since the License has not been returned yet, we will approach the Businesses concerned and ask if they would mind extending the expiry dates on their kind donations. Once the License is received, books of tickets to sell will be sent home with the intention of drawing the Big Raffle at this year's evening Panto at Methlick School.

Sandy
Nicola

Tom informed the MSPC that 'Flying Pie Man' the band being used for the Ceilidh on Sept 5th is holding their price from last year. Tom will send out another note via the School as a reminder to support this long standing event & welcome new parents. The note will also ask for raffle donations. Lionel will provide Tom with approximately £30 float for the Ceilidh.

Tom

SPRING FAIR. Jim suggested the MSPC hold a Spring Fair on 9th May 2015. A discussion ensued and there will be a separate agenda item set aside for

	<p>arrangements for this at a later date. Claire has already offered to set up a face painting stand at this. Mrs McIntosh made the MSPC aware that Kate Bloomfield is considering holding a School Fundraising Christmas Fair at the end of November.</p> <p>Other Fundraising ideas were discussed such as a 100 CLUB, a geocache event, Christmas Cards, Hessian Bags & Mugs. It was agreed that in the meantime Jim will arrange the latter.</p> <p>Claire noted that Methlick Primary does not currently have a stand at the Methlick Gala and has suggested that next year the MSPC arranges one before the School Summer holidays.</p>	Jim
9	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Yvonne has kindly booked the October Disco & Christmas Disco. It was agreed that these would incur a cost to the children of £2 each to include a free drink. Glow sticks will be available for the children to buy at a cost of 50p each. Nicola & Fiona have agreed to help Yvonne with Disco arrangements.</p> <p>It was noticed that the date set for the next MSPC meeting has been set for the Referendum date Sept 18th so it was agreed to try to change the LET to the 25th of September instead. Sandy will try to change the LET for this and report back.</p> <p>Lou asked about the P1's receiving their Methlick School mugs. Mrs Guy suggests that this could be done at the Assembly on Sept 8th and Claire volunteered to do this on behalf of the MSPC. New pupils will also receive a mug. School staff will check the stock of mugs for us and prepare them for Claire to distribute.</p> <p>Tom suggests Jim write a 'Welcome' note to parents and carers introducing himself as the new Chair person and including some fundraising dates for diaries. Fiona suggests that this includes 'easy fundraising.org' and Jim agrees to this.</p>	Yvonne Fiona Nicola Sandy Claire School Jim
10	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING – The date is set for Thurs 25th September 2014 at 6.30 pm.</p>	