

**Minutes of Methlick School Parent Council**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 (DRAFT)**

<b>Present</b>	Jim McWilliam	Yvonne Mitchell	Sandy Pullar
	Lionel Snodgrass	Adrienne Guy	Stephanie Deans
	Clr Paul Johnston		
<b>Apologies</b>	Claire Brown	Nicola Baird	Fiona Lawrence
	Laura Bruce	Lou Jowitt	Jane Mackintosh

	Action
<p><b>1 WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</b></p> <p><b>2 PREVIOUS MINUTES.</b> Approval of MSPC minutes from meeting held Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 proposed by Lionel and seconded by Adrienne.</p> <p><b>3 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staffing.</b> Mrs Guy informed the committee that the probationer teachers would be interviewed in March &amp; were hoping to be able to remain at Methlick next year &amp; we will hear in due course if this will be the case. In the absence of Phillipe, the French teacher, Ms Rees has been helping to teach the P5/6/7's French. Shona Webster is now in School until 3.30.</li> <li>• <b>The Roll.</b> The current roll is 108 of the Schools capacity for 120. 11 new P1's are enrolling and 11 P7's leaving at the end of term.</li> <li>• <b>Planetarium.</b> The pupils enjoyed a visit from the Planetarium which tied in well with Ms Rees' class who have been studying The Planets..</li> <li>• <b>Stranger Danger.</b> The 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the term had a focus of stranger danger. There are now 2 x PSA's in the playground with the children at all times. P6/7 received a visit from Childline and were informed about keeping safe. A road safety banner is also being prepared to remind all of the importance of Road Safety.</li> <li>• <b>Multi-Cultural Week.</b> The pupils are learning about other cultures this week including enjoying learning about food, crafts &amp; arts. In next week's assembly the classes will share their knowledge.</li> <li>• <b>Property.</b> The outside lights have been repaired and the hand rail down the side of the property is going to be repaired. Mrs Guy will enquire about the gate to be installed. Clr Johnston informed the committee that the exterior works now be under a new council staff member as Keith Milne had now left. Jim will aim to find out about the paint required for the playground. The cupboard door in the playground shelter shall be repaired and this will be used to store toys. The Pupil Council Play equipment on order will be boxed and</li> </ul>	<p>Mrs Guy</p> <p>Jim</p>

stored here.

- **Play Equipment.** Mrs Guy is finding out first about approved suppliers but intends to apply again for Scotplay £10k funding. If successful the MSPC will aim to fund the £3299 contribution which would be required. Adrienne will survey the pupils again regarding playground equipment requests and suitability
- **Community Garden.** Kathy Kennedy who is involved with Methlick in Bloom has kindly offered the School bulbs for the P1/2 pupils to use in the School garden and they will also be working within the Community Garden.

Mrs Guy

- **CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT**

- Jim has renewed 1<sup>st</sup> News for the Pupils at the cost of £57
- Various responses have been received regarding Jim's extensive requests for financial assistance toward external playground equipment including suggestions of where to request funding which he will follow up and also a kind donation (amount yet to be confirmed) from Oldmeldrum Rotary. After a survey of the exterior of the school on 17/12/14 and grounds, it was suggested that Jim may want to request the assistance of Carol Baxter of the Beechgrove Garden to assist with the groundworks & he will also follow up the outstanding issues that were brought up.
- Jim will approach Braikley estates again s they have yet to respond to earlier requests.

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## 5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The current balance is £3138.52
- This figure includes £140 raised from the Christmas DVD's however the takings from the Ceilidh were yet to be added to this figure. Jim will thank Tom McKean for his long standing contribution to the School MSPC funds with the arrangement of Ceilidhs over the years.
- A suggestion was made to find an easier way to identify payment details for purchases such as the recent Christmas Cards as there had been some difficulty in matching up purchases with payments specifically when cheques had been used. This will be addressed in future.

Jim

## 6 **Staffing**

The question about Probationers asked by Fiona Lawrence was answered by Adrienne in the HTR.

## 7 **RAFFLE**

The application for the license for the big raffle was returned again therefore new signatures were obtained and the MSPC will await its return before planning the date of the raffle. Looking over the history of fundraising for the MSPC may assist in creating a future fundraising events calendar. Sandy suggests for future fundraising activities it might be useful to have a 'Pool of Parent Volunteers' who might not necessarily wish to be on the Committee but who may be happy to have their details held by the MSPC so that we can directly ask on occasion throughout the year for help.

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**A.O.B.**

Yvonne suggested an email to go out from the school to remind parents of the dangers of illegal parking and maneuvering around the school, specifically in the designated bus stops

Mrs. Guy

- **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – The date is set for the next is Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
- **The AGM** is upcoming on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.