

Minutes of Methlick School Parent Council

Tuesday 1st Sept 2015 @18.30

Present Mrs McIntosh Emma Tallis Yvonne Mitchell
Lou Jowitt Sonia Burr Laura Bruce
Michael Scott Sandy Pullar Mrs Guy
Lucy Kennedy

Apologies Lionel Snodgrass

	Action
1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES	
2 PREVIOUS MINUTES. Approval of MSPC minutes from meeting held 04 th June 2015 proposed and seconded. Laura Chairs	
3 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT Pupil count is now 103 pupils with 2 more set to start in January. The P1's have settled well and their Circular evening was a success. Golden time has been replaced with Excellence time. Excellence time is to be used to promote the learning of actual skills rather just general play. The School will introducing community afternoons (for P4-P7). With the intention of creating fun community based projects for the children to do. There will also be 5 "community cafes" which will be run by the pupils to help raise money for charity. The first café will be on the 21 st of September (for McMillan Cancer Support) and will be run by the P3/4's. The school will also be participating the Lorraine Kelly's Ceilidh Challenge. Cameras will be at the school on Friday to capture some of the older children dancing. A yearly calendar is going to be put out this week advising parents of all the appropriate schools dates for the next year. Bike ability will be run for any P7's who wish to participate. This will be run by Shona. There will be an open afternoon for the school on the 5 th of October (2-3pm) – the MSPC agreed to bake for this. There is a new laptop trolled (with 12 new laptops) that has freed up the current computer to lab. The intention with newly freed up space is to extend the library and create a "quiet" space for the children.	

4 Chairperson's Report

The dates for the Halloween and Christmas Disco were confirmed. The Halloween disco will be on the 9th Oct 2015 18.30 till 20.30 and the Christmas Disco will be on the 11th of Dec 2015 18.30 till 20.30. Ray has been booked for both.

Control of the Website was confirmed as being under Michael Scott's control.

Laura and Lionel attended a community school council forum on the 8th of June 2015 and identified a possible source of funding and joint learning opportunities.

5 Treasurer's Report

Current balance stands at £3636.35

With an additional £46.71 being raised from the MSPC's participation at the Methlick Gala

6 Dates for the Diary

24th September 2015 - 18.30 till 20.00 There will be a Games night on the in place of the annual welcome back Ceilidh. Michael will organize the Let and put out a "Save the Date" flyer. The intention is for this to be a ticketed event (free tickets) in order to control the number participants. There will be a Beatle Drive and Raffle plus crisps and snacks

09th October 2015 – Halloween Disco – The price for the disco will remain at £2.50 which will include snacks and a glow stick. No further glow sticks will be available for purchase. Sandy to pass on any paperwork from previous Halloween Discos and Michael to do the poster. Let organized

10th November 2015 – Next MSPC meeting

11th December 2015 – Christmas Disco – Let organized

Michael
Yvonne

Sandy
Michael

7 Fundraising

Discussed potential fundraising ideas, although the point was made by Sandy that our current balance is good and we should look to spend the money we have before working to raise more. Laura passed on a suggestion from Lionel that we should ask the children of the School if they would like the money spent on however Mrs Guy pointed that student council already have a small say in the allocation of funds and are often not fully aware of what the School actually needs. Mrs Guy then went to suggest that the most appropriate use for the money might be to put it towards a new reading schema for P3's to P5's and new novels for P6's and P7's. The committee acknowledge this as good and it will be discussed as a later date

The application for the lottery license was discussed. We agreed to proceed with the application and a sub committee consisting of Laura Bruce, Lou Jowett and Michael Scott has been formed to take ownership of the application and push it forward.

MSPC

Laura,
Michael, Lou

8 Communication between the school and parents regarding appropriate equipment for the next academic year.

The point was raised by Michael that some parents were annoyed by that fact that there was a new – updated – kit list for PE issued on the first day of term after parents had already organized a PE kit based on the information that given to them at the end of the last School term. Mrs Guy acknowledged

Mrs Guy

9 Before/After School Club

Sandy wanted to raise the issue of organizing a before/after school club due to the complete lack of childcare facilities in and around the Methlick area. The committee agreed that this should be addressed again and Yvonne took on the task of arranging a feasibility study to see exactly how much demand there is for this service.

Yvonne

10 AOB

Yvonne raised a query regarding clearer guidance and potential financial implications for then new active learning homework that is currently being issued. Mrs Guy acknowledged the concerns and agreed to speak with the teachers about giving clearer guidance for the tasks.

Mrs Guy

Yvonne raised the point about risk assessments being done for school events like the Halloween disco. Mrs Guy agreed that a risk assessment would be appropriate however was unclear on how to proceed. Yvonne agreed to take the action on this. Michael will speak with the council letting department and see if they can offer any guidance.

Yvonne
Michael

Fiona raised a point about the school classes for the current academic year not being issued until the last day of the previous academic year however there was no school representation present at that point to discuss the matter further. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

MSPC