



Midmill School Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.00pm
Community Room, Midmill School

Agenda Item	Areas Discussed	Action
1. Present	Sam Bull, Megan Davidson, Katie Finch, Claire Galley, Vicky McBain, Laura McConnachie, Laura McMillan, Nicola Sutherland, Elaine Walker, Ruth Walker, Alyson Whyte, Julie Work.	
2. Apologies	Katrina Allan, David Angus, Janine Brand, Suzanne Brittain, Susan Brown, Roisin Burns, Margarita Lilaysromant, Laura Leslie, Vicky McCallum, Divyamalar Ramamurthy, Russell Whyte, Kevin Williamson.	
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes	<p>Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Alyson Whyte and seconded by Elaine Walker.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing on Gauchhill Road should finally be ready next week. There has been lots of movement on this, they are currently getting rid of the greenery to move the bus stop and the pavements have been lowered and changed out to the bumpy slabs.</p> <p>Laura McConnachie discussed with Councillor Glen Reid the provision of a safe cycle route to school on Carnie Road. Glen raised the issue with the council, and reports they support the idea and have approved the painting of a cycle lane on the pavement down to the school. No timeframe of when it is to be completed but it will be considered at planning.</p> <p>Concerns now raised from committee members that the grass verges are not being cut on Carnie Road. This makes walking to/from school even worse as it restricts where pedestrians and cyclists can walk/cycle as the grass is too long. To be raised with Glen Reid.</p>	Laura McConnachie



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<p>4. Chairperson's Report</p>	<p>Claire welcomed everyone and hopes all the children are enjoying being back at school and everyone is getting back into a routine.</p> <p>All children and families are invited this Friday 3pm-5pm to view Mr Murphy's mural that was painted in the school library over the summer. There will be a book swap and refreshments available for donations. Donations of books and baking most welcome. Enough committee members have volunteered to help.</p> <p>It has been agreed by the MSPC that £400 will be donated for Netball Nets. Miss Wood to source.</p> <p>Playground signs will also be purchased as requested by the Rights Respected Citizens Group. Mrs Mulligan is getting prices.</p> <p>Following the AGM on the 27th September, Claire is stepping down as chairperson due to other commitments, along with Vice-Chair Vicky McCallum. The committee is also seeking a secretary as the post was not filled last year.</p>	
<p>5. Head Teacher's Report</p>	<p><u>Welcome Back</u></p> <p>I hope you all had a lovely Summer break.</p> <p>It has been wonderful being back in school and seeing how well everyone has settled in. I will share more about this session at the AGM.</p> <p><u>Thank You</u></p> <p>Thank you for all you did at the end of term to make it an enjoyable experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice-cream • Disco • P7 Leavers Party 	



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<p><u>Staffing</u> Katharine Rankin, Eve Swanson, Dawn Hendry, Sarah Taylor have all returned from maternity leave which is great. Julie Gourlay has joined us this year in P4. This entitles us to 0.1FTE (1/2 day) of management relief which Mrs Mulligan and Miss Baillie are sharing as development time. Fiona is going to be working on our Relationship Policy and Alison is going to be working on Assessment.</p> <p><u>PEF</u> We have teamed up with AFC CT to employ a Community Trust Coach one day per week. He is going to be working on Promoting Positive Playtimes. He is doing something called Red Start with some classes at present to get to know learners and then he will be doing more targeted work with pupils relating to resilience and confidence.</p> <p><u>PA System</u> I have spoken with 316 Events who are going to come and look at our school and quote for a Sound System that will work for our setting. It would be good if you were able to let me know how much we have to spend on it so I am able to discuss this at the meeting.</p> <p><u>House Captains</u> As there are now enough P7s, House Captains and Vice Captains will be appointed this year. Those interested can nominate themselves and children in P4-7 will vote for who they want to Captain their house.</p> <p><u>School Choir</u> There will be a school choir group run after school by Miss Smith. This will lead to performing at a Christmas singing show at TECA on Sunday 3rd Dec. Will be for pupils in P4-7 initially, potentially opening to younger children after Christmas if staff/child ratios allow.</p>	<p>Committee Members to decide on a budget for sound system</p>
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<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takings were £303.70 from Sports Day. No expenses claimed – very generous gesture from the bakers. Other expenses including ice lollies (£134.54) = £169.16 profit.• Summer Disco – takings were £1,079.65. Less - £40 for face-painter, £220 for float, £130 for DJ and general expenses of £147.45 = £542.20 (includes ticket sales of £399). <p>Main other transactions since then are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June - £100 came in from the Kintore Fundraising Team – from money raised from the drink's stall at the Summer Festival.• June - £64 out for sunscreen for Nursery children.• June - £100 out as a contribution to the leavers party.• June - £375 out for the first aid training.• July – we paid Kintore Trophy Centre £72 for the end of year trophies.• August – we paid Martin Murphy £490 for the library artwork.• Current balance is £4,828.	
<p>7. Class Representatives' Update</p>	<p>Class reps have nothing to report. It was noted that class groups have changed and new volunteers may be required following the AGM.</p>	



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	<p>Following the appointments, Class reps are to be encouraged to set up a page/chat for parents of the class group. This is for the sharing of information and as a platform for questions to be raised prior to committee meetings.</p>	
8. Fundraising Update	<p>The Pumpkin Patch is to be held on Saturday 28th October at Midmill School. Let has been applied for and plans are well underway. Katie is not able to attend but is happy for the event to go ahead.</p> <p>Midmill Christmas Market will be held at the school on Saturday 9th December at School. Plans are to include a Santa grotto, inflatable helter skelter, food vendors, homebakes, non-alcoholic mulled wine, and pony rides. It may also be an opportunity for the school choir to perform.</p> <p>Lottery license to be checked.</p> <p>Let to be applied for.</p>	<p>Claire Galley</p> <p>Laura McConnachie</p>
9. AOCB	<p>Issue raised of cars being parked and left in the drop off only zone and subsequently creating hazards/congestion issues. Katie says new P1 parents have been made aware and nursery parents are to be advised. A reminder is to be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>Banners/signs will be purchased for displaying on the fence to highlight the drop off and no-parking areas. Suggested local company Rood Signs are contacted.</p> <p>Information shared on the maps being offered by the Geographical society for displaying in the playground – Elaine to send Katie info.</p>	<p>Katie Finch</p> <p>Elaine Walker</p>



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<p>It was asked what the plans were for Christmas celebrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is expected to be a Christmas show again with all classes performing• Christmas parties will be held in school, each class can choose what they do• All will walk to Kintore Church again for a service• Unlikely there will be school trips to a panto due to high costs of coaches <p>It was asked why parents are not allowed around into the playgroup at drop off/pick up, like they were pre-covid, as it can become quite congested gathering around the roundabout/bike shed. Katie advised that it was for increased safety, so it can be assured no one unauthorised is in the playground. Katie will discuss with other teachers, but her understanding is when pick up was in the playground, all classes had to leave and line up together. This created delays waiting for all children to be ready. Also not all children leave from the playground side as P6/7 leave from their classroom.</p> <p><u>AGM Scheduled for Wednesday 27th September 7pm in the Community Room at Midmill School.</u></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>Wednesday 11th October @ 7.00pm</u> in the Community Room at Midmill School.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:30pm.</p>	Katie Finch
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