



Midmill School Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting – 31st January 2024 at 7.00pm
Community Room, Midmill School

Agenda Item	Areas Discussed	Action
1. Present	Katie Finch (Head Teacher), Emma Ritchie (Chair), Susan Brown (Vice Chair), Russell Whyte (Treasurer), Neil MacKintosh (Secretary), Suzanne Brittain, Paulina Burnett, Ruth Walker, Laura McConnachie, Vicky McBain, Alyson Whyte.	
2. Apologies	Claire Galley, Laura McMillan, David Angus, Roisin Burns, Becca Cruickshank, Laura Leslie, Vicky McCallum, Divyamalar Ramamurthy, Kevin Williamson. Megan Davidson, Elaine Walker, Janine Brand, Katrina Allan, Margarita Lilaysromant.	
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on the Wednesday 11th October 2023 approved by Laura McConnachie and seconded by Emma Ritchie</p> <p>Photos from Lendrick Muir Photos Katie has said this is still on going to separate out photos of kids from different schools, Lyndsey Wood is working on this and it will be completed as soon as possible. This may not be an issue going forwards as next visit will not be running in same format.</p> <p>Christmas Fair Thank you to the fundraising team and others for all their help with wrapping and support with the Christmas Fair and making it a success. Go shop was really well received and appeared to be a success with the pupils, and Katie felt there was a lot of learning by them.</p>	



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	<p>Community Café Also a great success, although some people attending had thought it was to raise money for the school not local causes. This maybe needs to be made more obvious at any future events. The Café's raised funds went half to Bothy and half to the Over Don Care Home.</p> <p>Football Strips for P5 Football strips for P5, Russell will speak to them and it will be stressed that the strips can't be personalised with names on the back.</p> <p>How do they pick the players for P5 team? Active Schools is involved and Katie receives a list of the pupils playing to confirm they are Midmill pupils, but is unaware of who selects this list. Katie to checkout who does the selecting of the kids who play for Midmill.</p> <p>Volunteer request for football Class Parents to put out message to request: - Volunteers to help with Midmill football – Tuesday 6-7pm at Midmill Astro turf.</p> <p>Parent Council signatories Signatories are all sorted for the Parent Council accounts.</p>	<p>Russell Whyte to contact Claire Galley.</p> <p>HT to look into.</p> <p>Class Parent Reps to put out message about this.</p>
<p>4. Chairperson's Report</p>	<p>All points were raised under other sections.</p>	



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5. Head Teacher's Report

HT Report

Priority 1 - Attainment in Writing and Numeracy

Homework Survey has gone out today. We are also going to do one with staff and one with pupils to gather data. Then the Homework Working Group will get together to look at the results and see if we can develop a Midmill Statement for Homework.

Priority 2 - Review Curriculum Rationale in line with Vision, Values and Aims and Development of a Relationship Policy

During the Inservice Days we will be reviewing our Curriculum Rationale and what learning looks like in Midmill. This will be a big piece of work and we are keen to involve parents in this as well. We have also applied to our Silver Accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools Award, we will have a visit in February to assess this.

Priority 3 – Use of Play and Outdoor learning to improvement engagement and development of skills for life

We have put in an application for the Eco Schools Award and we are waiting to hear back regarding this. The staff play working group are keen to visit some other primary schools to look at how they are embedding play to support learning and metaskills.

FOM about Online Safety Event

This is still a work in progress, I have followed up again this week regarding what their input for £700 would include. If this cannot be funded by the school, the parent council has suggested that it could cover the costs.

World Book Day

Pupil Council are going round classes to ask how they would like to recognise this. We also want to check with parents how they feel about dressing up. This is not something we have done for a few years as we are aware it can be quite pricey and time consuming. Hoping to send out a form to gather views of parents on this.



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	<p>Dons Day Out 35 Adult Tickets 2 Under 18 Tickets 33 Under 12 Tickets Approx - £650</p> <p>First Aid Level 1 – P5 Level 2 – P6 Level 3 – P7</p> <p>Parent Council will fund this training to run.</p> <p>P1 Enrolment 27 P1 Pupils enrolments for next intake and this will see a further increase in the school's overall figures.</p> <p>Christmas Fair Thank you for all you did for the Christmas Fair, it was a great day and lovely to see so many people there from the local community.</p> <p>New sound system for school Still waiting for quote, but hoping to make the system portable</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	Pumpkin patch ticket sales were just over £1,000 and took in £1,112 on the day. Less expenses £1,038 the profit was £1,075. A lot of the expenses this year were on things reuseable so next year would hopefully raise more.	



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Money coming in for xmas fair still for Stall Holders @£15/stall, Santa's grotto and ticket sales.
Cash prize for raffle from Stats (£150).

Paid out £31 for Bookends and stands for library.

£6,267 current balance

Large balance so a 2nd account has been opened to get a small amount of interest on the balance as no interest paid on the current.

New signaturies for the accounts will be: Russell Whyte, Vicky....., Laura.....

FLAGGED - Some of the money in the account is for a sound system – so some of this money will be used for that. Katie should have price after Xmas.

Xmas Fair:

Raffle: £1,477 profit

Takings on day; Santa's Grotto tickets; Stall holders; less Expenses: £1,941 profit.

Overall profit £3,417

Amount from First Photos? Russell to check payments.

Go Christmas: £297.05 profit

Money has just come in from the Dons Day Out which will be happening 17th February 2024

Overall total balance: £10,067.

Deposit instant access account now opened. Russell leaving £100 in current while rest has been transferred to Deposit account.

Russell Whyte to check amounts



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7. Class Representatives' Update		
8. Fundraising Update	<p>Pretty much prepared for the Neon Disco on 16th February 2024. Got enough volunteers but some teachers would be good.</p> <p>Been granted a stall again at the Grampian Truck show, Thainstone. 27th/28th April 2024. Looking into new ideas, such as bottle flip into a target. Also looking at doing Can-jam?</p> <p>Having a stall at the 8th June Summer festival, Kintore Playing fields.</p>	<p>Katie to ask for teachers to volunteers.</p> <p>Katie to supply cans for frisbie.</p>
9. AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Leavers hoodies. Sorting out sizes. 2) P7 leaving party -£100 request from leavers for their leavers party. 3) Gritting on the roads. Cllr Reid is going to take up at the next ward meeting for getting the road priority higher. Currently Priority 3. 4) Use of the astro turf people climbing into the pitch. Katie is suggesting the pitch is left unlocked until 6pm on weekdays. There is a litter issue at times from the people going in to play when they shouldn't. This was discussed but no solution was found. 5) Nets are getting worn so are they needing repairing or replacing – Russell. 6) P3 fire alarm in the wet weather and the kids getting cold. This may have been exceptional due to the circumstances. Each class has got a grab bag with some silver sheets in, but the 	<p>Katie to look into whether this can be done.</p> <p>Russell to measure and order new nets to be purchased by PC.</p>



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advice is not to stop and grab jackets from the cloakroom. The delayed response means the checking for fires means it can take longer for the school to be checked and allow kids back in.

- 7) P3 – there is chat regarding the homework, but also lots filling in the homework survey.
- 8) Is there an update on the replacement for Miss Swanson, Katie is chasing. There have been applications and they are interviewing soon.
- 9) Upset P6/7 due to a statement that was name before the break up. Katie was made aware of it and it has been discussed.
- 10) P1 dress down Fridays, feeling it's always the same house winning. Katie went through what the tokens are given for and there are lots of opportunities for pupils to earn tokens and the number of pupils within each house is counted fairly.
- 11) What are the prices for the disco, Poster prices to be adjusted and sent out in the next newsletter and through the WhatsApps.
- 12) Assembly information for class assemblies coming out too late for working parents. Katie apologied and said will try and get all the info for the rest of the session out.
- 13) Parents have said thanks for the snow day information and this thanks was passed on to Katie.
- 14) Julie wants help to put books back in the right place in the library on every second Friday.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27th March 2024 @ 7.00pm in the Community Room at Midmill School.

Meeting closed at 9:01 pm

Katie to put something in the newsletter.



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