



Midmill School Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting – 27th March 2024 at 7.00pm
Community Room, Midmill School

Agenda Item	Areas Discussed	Action
1. Present	<p>Katie Finch (Head Teacher), Emma Ritchie (Chair), Susan Brown (Vice Chair), Alyson Whyte (Acting Treasurer), Neil MacKintosh (Secretary), Suzanne Brittain, Claire Galley, Elaine Walker, Laura McConnachie, Nicola Sutherland, Laura McMillan,</p> <p><i><u>NOTE: Due to minuting issue not all present were noted, however, those that are noted were at meeting.</u></i></p>	NEIL MACKINTOSH: notes to be corrected at next meeting.
2. Apologies	Vicky McBain, David Angus, Roisin Burns, Becca Cruickshank, Laura Leslie, Vicky McCallum, Divyamalar Ramamurthy, Kevin Williamson, Megan Davidson, Janine Brand, Katrina Allan, Margarita Lilaysromant. Paulina Burnett, Ruth Walker, Vicky McCallum, Russell Whyte	
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on the Wednesday 31st January 2024 were approved by Laura McConnachie and seconded by Susan Brown.</p> <p>Laura McConnachie to enquire with Aberdeenshire Council on behalf of Kintore United about goal nets and goal wheel replacement for the goals in the astro turf. Current nets been repaired.</p> <p>P5 football strips. Kits for the football team have been ordered and paid a total £505.</p>	Laura McConnachie to contact Aberdeenshire Council.



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<p>4. Chairperson’s Report</p>	<p>The yearly funds available from Aberdeenshire Council have been applied for and have been received into the bank account £280.95.</p> <p>As part of the application the council require an up to date constitution. Any changes will be identified and discussed prior to implementation at the next AGM as per the constitution.</p> <p>A request has come from the Netball team for kits x 15, looking for £340.</p> <p>More requests, from other teams could mean the PC needs to consider capping support on a set unit basis.</p> <p>School / Hall sound system. Full audio kit is quoted as £7,804.71 (excl. VAT) for hall and mobile unit, this is a for a mid to low range and from an approved supplier. It was discussed at length due to the high cost and wiping out all of the Parent Council funds at this point in time. Other possibility could be to buy items separately / sourced from other suppliers.</p>	<p>Chair to contact back to say PC happy to pay for this and would welcome sponsorship of strips.</p> <p>Action: HT to ask for itemised quote. And HT and Chair to look into funds and feasibility.</p>
<p>5. Head Teacher’s Report</p>	<p>HT Report</p> <p>Priority 1 - Attainment in Writing and Numeracy Thank you to everyone who completed the homework questionnaire. We are in the process of gathering information from both Staff and Pupils in relation to homework. We will then collate this information and share with the Homework Parent Working Group.</p> <p>Priority 2 - Review Curriculum Rationale in line with Vision, Values and Aims and Development of a Relationship Policy In February we were awarded the Silver Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK.</p>	



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Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this journey, our RRSA working group in school and the parents who were part of the accreditation visit.
We will be given a banner to display outside of school.

During the February Inservice Days, as part of our work as a whole school community in reviewing our Vision, Values and Aims this session, we spent a day discussing our Purpose or our Why as a whole staff Team. This is linked to the work of Simon Sinek.
Your why statement as an organisation is who you are on your best days. It will also help us with future discussions centred around our Vision, where we want to go.

Our WHY statement is - To create a supportive community that welcomes everyone and inspires them to achieve.

This WHY statement was shared with pupils during Assembly. Classes have then been asked to discuss their vision, hopes for the future of our school and place them on Post-It notes in my (Miss Finch's) Office Aiming for Excellence Wall. If you would like to be part of this process, please email Miss Finch (click [here](#)) with your suggested Vision Statement.

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

We have started our Eco Schools Green Flag journey and the children in Eco Group have completed a school environmental review and action plan. These can be viewed in school on the Eco Schools noticeboard. This year, our Eco Schools goals are Climate Action, Food and the Environment, and Global Citizenship.

Our chosen global goal for this year is No Hunger. We are currently organising the school garden, making sure that every class is involved in growing fruits, vegetables and flowers.

As part of the Food and the Environment goal, we hope to have a market stall of school-grown produce to share with our community.

Class	Crop(s)
P1	Rainbow Swiss chard, beetroot



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P2/3	Turnip, runner beans, Spinach
P3	Carrots and peas
P4	Carrots, peas
P5	Potatoes
P6/7M	Aubergines, pumpkin, raspberries
P6/7W	Potatoes, sweet peas, carrots
Eco Group	Peppers, tomatoes, potatoes wildflowers
Green Spaces	Sensory garden

World Book Day

It was great to see everyone participate in World Book Day and the Book Voucher Competition we had in school.

Dons Day Out

Thank you for all the support from Laura McConnachie to make this happen it was a great day out.

6. Treasurer's Report

Overall total balance: £10,067.

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

Neon Disco profit of £277.44 (Takings £879.07 costs £601.63)

£658 from Dons Day out



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	<p>Aberdeenshire Council annual payment to PC £280.95</p> <p>The leaver’s hoodies money still coming in for these.</p> <p>P5 strips £505 paid.</p> <p>Current balance £9,998</p> <p>To Parent Council pay out still?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7 Leavers Hoodies • First aiders • Coaches for trip • P7 leaving party -£100 request from leavers for their leavers party. • Sound system 	
<p>7. Class Representatives’ Update</p>	<p>Request for the library from Julie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HT has some equity funding that could be put towards books and has asked P6 and P7 to put together a list of books as there is lack of books in the library for their age group. • Julie has asked if there are any grants that exist for books and dates of their deadlines. • Can library purchase books for the very earliest stages of accelerated reader and the top stages. • Second handbooks can be given to the library but most not be water marked. • Can the library have a second free standing bookshelf. School could possibly have the funds to buy these for her. <p>P4 painting friendship benches, can school pay for the paint. The paint could be donated by a local company.</p>	<p>Headteacher to speak to Mrs Newburry and reply to Julie re these queries.</p>



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	<p>P7 is there a summer disco. Yes there will be but no date set yet, but won't clash with leavers disco.</p> <p>School is setting up sessions for the girls to play football. It was discussed whether someone could come up from Kintore United girls team to encourage girls to play football at the assembly.</p> <p>P6 Lendrick Muir travel trip, info evening to happen in the first or second week back after the Easter break.</p> <p>If there are any concerns about sexual health and relationship topics discussed at school please contact Katie Finch.</p> <p>Look into getting a crossing put in at the island on the road.</p> <p>Bicycle path designation not possible on road to school, due to the path not being currently wide enough to accommodate a split and it can't be widened.</p>	<p>Laura McConnachie to ask.</p> <p>Headteacher to look into possibilities of getting a crossing</p>
<p>8. Fundraising Update</p>	<p>Been granted a stall again at the Grampian Truck show, Thainstone. 27th/28th April 2024. Going for a spin wheel, Facepainting, tattoos, activity table, Truck track to play with, donations bucket. Looking for volunteers to man the stand 3 people needed per session. Volunteer rota to go out.</p> <p>Having a stall at the 8th June Summer festival, Kintore Playing fields. Adult and kids tombola, beat the goalie, Aberdeen mascot possible attendance. Looking for donations for the tombola</p> <p>Possible fundraiser for parents to attend.</p>	<p>Headteacher to ask for teachers to volunteers.</p> <p>Elaine Walker looking in to these and will get back to Council with ideas.</p>



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<p>9. AOCB</p>	<p>1) Defibrillator for the school. PC to look into the funding of this – Cost £1,600 for adult and Child from Zoll</p> <p>2) Midmill Velo-Hut 1st workshop was held on the Friday the 22nd March from 3-5pm. The workshop organisers Neil MacKintosh and Euan Alexander, with help from BeCycle Community Group, felt the workshop was a success and feedback was positive from those who attended. The workshop provided the tools and guidance for pupils to learn to fix their own bikes. With set slots and adults required to oversee the children.</p> <p><i>Future direction for bike workshop:</i> Set up a regular workshop running on a Friday afternoon, with drop in instead of booked system. Or maybe a mix of both i.e. one hour slots and one hour drop in – these are details to be worked out.</p> <p>The issues for getting a more regular thing working are: location, purchasing tools/equipment, regular volunteers, mechanic training, insurance. Neil and Euan are looking at getting funding organised to try and make this happen over the next few months. They have contacted Tens Coaching who use the school grounds on a Saturday for bicycle training, Sustrans and also the Aberdeenshire Bothy Group.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 7.00pm</u> in the Community Room at Midmill School.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9:15pm</p>	<p>Laura McConnachie to look into this.</p>