

In Attendace: Marie Campbell (Secretary) Kerry Donald (Vice Secretary) Wendy Williams (co-Treasurer) Lorraine Miller (Assistant Treasurer), Emma Armstrong, Sarah Irvine, Suzanne Rydlewicz, Louise Herbert.
Brian Carle (Acting HT) Kathryn McPherson (DHT) Liz Doyle (DHT)

Apologies: Euan Bain (Chair), Steven Close (Vice-Chair) Lawrence Thirkell, Will Hekelaar (co-Treasurer), Ashley Ross, Emma Condon, Kim Ritchie, Wendy Clinton, Annie Robinson, Elaine Robertson, Seonaid Docherty, Claire Bain, Marjorie Anderson, Sharon Strachan.

Welcome

Meeting opened at 6.30pm, Liz Doyle was introduced to the group by Brian Carle, She remarked that she has been made to feel very welcome by staff and children. She has been appointed in a temporary role whilst Mr Carle is in the Acting Head position. Senior Management Team (SMT) will look after the following year groups;
Nursery – P2 Miss McPherson
P3 – P5/6 Mrs Doyle
P6 – 7 Mr Carle

Treasurers report

Wendy W has been working to get final figures for the Summer Fayre 2018. She has now reconciled all spends and attributed these to individual stall. The outstanding cheques (as in previous minutes) have now been resolved. MC to give WW details of critter keeper sales so this can be updated (after meeting, info given to WW). thanks extended to Wendy for her efforts with this, we now have an improved system in place making the accounting process easier.

Recent fundraising –

Spree books £495

Christmas cards / mugs £563.90

Disco £564.59 (£175 from Glowsticks)

Thanks to all parents and Parent Council for supporting these events

The Bank account balance is £16244.12 as of 21/11/18.

2017/2018 accounts are now ready for auditing.

Class budgets, this item was carried over from the previous meeting and after some debate it was decided that it needs further decision, will be on agenda for first meeting of 2019. It was decided that the £30 class budget to be spent as teachers choose will remain for now.

ACTIONS: Class budgets/ trips funding on next agenda – MC
Bank signatories updated – MC

School Update

School is fully staffed, Mrs Doyle now in post.

Mrs Kelman welcomed as new PSA and settled into school.

As the Nursery prepares for the extended hours roll out an Assistant Early Years Practitioner has been successfully recruited, this is a new type of post which enables people to complete on the job training to gain their qualification. Beverly Wilson will join the nursery team in the new year and will work alongside both nurseries.

A Nursery Manager post will be created when New Machar join the 1140 hours scheme in August 2020. This will alter the remit of the DHT covering Nursery, more updates nearer the time.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) - Miss McPherson highlighted that this funding is calculated by the number of pupils eligible for free school meals attending a school. Therefore, she asked that PC spread the word to try to get eligible families to claim.

Actions - Post meeting MC shared link on PC facebook page, can reps please share to group pages.

During recent in-service days, teaching staff took part in Media Studies and Literacy Life training, learning new techniques to engage pupils in literacy.

PSA training focused on how to support pupils with ADHD, staff have already started implementing the ideas which are going well.

Curriculum Rationale – 87 responses gathered during parents' evenings. Full results will be shared with parents soon. A few points raised were - Parents want to know what goes on in school day to day and there was good feedback to the introduction of Spanish teaching.

School would like to develop new community links, please get in touch to discuss.

Christmas Plans - There is no P7 Panto planned for this year as it was felt this puts too much pressure on those pupils and staff. And meant that younger pupils didn't take part. Instead a whole school performance 'Christmas Around the World' will be held on 12th / 13th December, more information and tickets to follow.

Wednesday 19th December, all welcome to join at the axis centre for Festive Sing song, Parent Council to serve teas, Kerry will coordinate.

Pupil groups update – PLT at looking at the school improvement plan to help make the school a better place for everyone. Many pupils don't see the point in the Yellow card, so they will be helping to adapt the Good to be Green system, further updates will be given.

Takings at the book fayre were down but school still received £1000 to spend on books, new reading books are to be purchased to support literacy.

A funding request for new books for the library was made, this will be around £1000- £1500. This was approved as there is still money available from the library spend already approved. The library was recently painted, thanks to the Rotary Club for the donation of paint.

School are planning a Scottish Night/ talent show, no further details for now.

Summer Fayre 2019

Axis Centre booked as wet weather plan.

Event-based fundraising Terms 3 & 4

Bunny Drive – 28th March – volunteers to help organise please get in touch with Marie.

End of year Disco – Thursday 27th June.

Matters raised by Parent Forum

During the disco it was noted that several parents remained inside the hall, it is felt that this contributed to the heat felt in the hall and caused upset to some children. In future we will make it clear that only adults who have volunteered to help will be allowed to stay within the hall, this will hopefully make the disco fun and safe for all. A way to contact parents during the Disco will be investigated.

Is the Daily mile still happening? Yes as and when individual teachers decide. The Health group are meeting regularly to discuss ways to improve wellbeing in school.

A.O.C.B

2018/2019 meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 21st November 2018, 6.30pm

Tuesday 29th January 2019,

Wednesday 13th March 2019, 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th April 2019 – AGM TBC

15th May 2019, 6.30pm

11/12th June 2019 wash up meeting – Beekies.

18th June 2018 – set new meeting dates for session 19/20

Meeting closed at 8pm