

Steven Close (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting, around the table introductions made as new members had joined. Minutes of last meeting approved, attendees and apologies noted. Keen to try a different format for meetings, no set agenda made prior to meeting and less formal minutes provided, aiming to make these more accessible to parents and increase awareness of our work and improve engagement.

Our meetings.....

A draft new constitution has been written, following advice from Connect, SC will email to all for comment by 27/9 please. A few points to consider are – How long should we serve on PC, renewal every year or two years, what are our Aims, and should it be assumed that someone’s membership ceases if they do not attend three consecutive meetings without sending apologies. New **constitution** will be finalised at next meeting. The **Code of Conduct** is being worked out, once finalised these will be given to all members and the information held securely in the school office. Signing up to Parent Council annually may help to keep us motivated and will also allow those who wish to leave to do so without feeling obliged to stay.

After discussion we drew up some **ground rules** and reminded ourselves of the **aims of our meetings**.

NMPC should be – **Focused** and **productive** yet **Informal** discussing appropriate issues, Everyone should feel **listened to** and their **contributions valued**, we should all **support each other** in our roles. We are **involved in key decisions** and that **pupils are at the heart** of our work.

Matters raised by Parents

- Kingseat bus issues, Mr Carle has been in contact with school transport, some issues resolved, later pick up time agreed, parents reminded to ensure that children are registered for the bus.
- Some P7 pupils felt not enough notice given to apply for Captain /vice captain. BC advised that the format had changed from last year from interviews to more informal pupil led talks.
- P7 have no football team, it is not too late for a team t to register but volunteers needed to run / coach. Anyone interested please contact the school, full support given from Active Schools.

Need to get in touch?

Contact us on newmacharpc@gmail.com,

or contact your year rep.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 30th October 6.30

School Update School have welcomed Mrs Ramage DHT and Ms Reford to P3, saying Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Watson. There is a vacancy for an Early Years Practitioner to cover Mrs Shand's maternity leave. Updates will be given about Mrs Ramage's expected date to go on maternity leave and whether this post will be advertised, or roles covered by other SMT. Individual schools will have more control over their budget from October 2019

A meeting will be held on 20th September outlining the Nursery Provision from August next year, all welcome to attend.

Value, Vision and Aims – these will be updated to be more relevant and embedded in the work of Parent Council, School and Pupils. A survey will be conducted during parents evenings to gather opinions from parents and carers.

Seesaw App – good feedback so far, further training will take place to optimise it's use. Parents are reminded to continue to use the Xpressions App to report absence and not message the teacher directly through Seesaw.

20 parents completed the P1 transition survey, positive feedback received.

Finances

Current balance £15,745.

Class budget of £30 per class agreed, WW to arrange. Class trips will be funded as last year, money will be transferred to school shortly so that trips can take place throughout the year.

We will support the creation of a gate and path between the school and Axis centre, costs to be confirmed but agreed in principal to pay for half the costs ~£1000

Upcoming events

Thursday 7th November - School Disco and Book fayre. KD to arrange letters, volunteers needed to help with this event, please get in touch.

Christmas card design project template sent home 27th September. All completed templated must be returned by the **Tuesday 8th October**

Christmas Family Event Thursday 28th November 3.30 – 7pm

Plans well under way with crafts purchased, stall holders signed up and decorations planned! Further meeting will be arranged to discuss Santa Grotto, Refreshments, and PC contributions. We need old baubles and metal coat hangers, contact newmacharpc@gmail.com Thanks to Marjorie and Mrs Duncan for their efforts.

Present -Steven, Marie, Kerry D, Wendy W, Marjorie, Kelly, Laura. Mr Carle, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Ramage.
Apologies – Will, Sarah, Louise, Suzanne, Annie, Emma A, Emma C, Wendy C, Seonaid, Kim, Caroline, Sharon.
These draft minutes were prepared by Marie Campbell, Secretary.