

Monymusk School Parent Council Meeting

Monday 12th September 2022

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Fiona Esson (Chairperson), Jan Watt (Treasurer), Laura Ferguson (Fundraising), Jill Moir (Head Teacher), Jane Veitch (P1,2,3 teacher), Megan Kilmurry (P3,4,5 teacher), plus 6 parents

Apologies: Christina Farquhar (P5,6,7 teacher)

2. Approval of minutes – Meeting 22.03.22 – no comments or amendments and so approved

3. Matters arising from previous minutes – covered elsewhere

4. Treasurer's Update (see report at AGM of same date)

No update available, full report will be provided at AGM.

5. Headteacher's Report – see attached, plus additional points as follows:

Mrs Moir showed us the new Mental Maths books and explained the change from Maths No Problem to these, as well as Heinemann Active Maths. This was discussed at length and Mrs Moir reassured those present that there was a full programme in place which would be robust enough to ensure continuity and progression, even if there were changes to teaching staff. Staff present were very positive about the change. Maths No Problem resources purchased by Parent Council will continue to be used and text books can also be useful to dip into.

The possible use of the shelter shed for storage was also discussed, with some concern over the children having no where to shelter as a result. Property visit due the following day and so agreed to discuss again. Funds still available from OneFamily Grant for outdoor shelter, may need to consider additional fundraising or grant applications. New goalposts required, not possible to have metal ones due to Health and Safety concerns.

Jan requested information on what funding the school receive from the Authority as this can help illustrate the need for Parent Council Fundraising. Changes to the way schools receive their funding make this more complicated but Mrs Moir agreed to provide information.

6. Action Points

Grant applications

Onefamily grant – £2,500 remains in bank account. Cost of shade sail too high to make this a sensible option. Shed identified but prospect of using shelter shed for storage opened up discussion again (as already mentioned). Carried forward.

Textile fund – possible application?

7. Events and Fundraising

Muddy Run 2022 – Huge thank you to Rob Brookes and all his helpers, hopeful that this will become an annual event again.

Various discussions about possible events – nothing definite yet, to be discussed at next meeting

Bags to School – new organiser required

8. News, correspondence, invitations

Information received from Aberdeenshire Council has been shared by email with parents through the school.

Useful websites/information for parents:

Education Scotland - <https://education.gov.scot/improvement/covid-19-education-recovery/>

Scottish Government Guidance for Schools

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reducing-the-risks-in-schools/>

<https://www.npfs.org.uk>

<https://www.connect.scot>

<https://education.gov.scot> – scroll down to “subscribe to our newsletters” – various ones to choose from.

Facebook pages:

- National Parent Forum Scotland
- Connect (formerly Scottish Parent Teacher Council)
- Education Scotland