

MINUTES

Middleton Park Primary School

Wednesday 28th September 2016

In Attendance

Mairi Gordon, Sue Phillips, Mandy Wilson, Adam Swinton, Annie Cheung, Val Struthers, Sheila Lang, Gladys Oldale, Audrey Young, Julie Blackhall, Christine Patterson, Colleen Philip, Karen Buchan, Susan Purvis, Jenny Chapman

Apologies

Vicky Moore, Jenny Watson, Gwen Denny, Sue Thomson, John Thomson, Ewan Patterson, Jacqui Todd, Anzi Saka, Chris Sansbury, Alison Sansbury, Gillian Tinsley

Welcome

Mandy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She introduced James Simpson, Acting Integrated Children Services Principal Planning Officer who gave us a talk on the Children's Plan 2017-20

Minutes from last meeting

Mandy ran through the minutes of the last meeting which were approved by Mairi and Christine

Actions outstanding from last meeting

Still need to change the constitution but can prepare this for the next AGM

First Aid Training. Annie is now BLS Trainer qualified and can teach/demonstrate basic lifesaving skills to the kids (just needs to check about borrowing the resuscitation dolls). We now only have 3 trained first aiders (Julie Blackhall, Annie Cheung and Gladys Oldale). Mark Philip is a trained first aid responder and can help out when needed if not on duty. Mandy asked for other people willing to be first aid trained so Susan Purvis, Sue Phillips and Colleen Philip volunteered.

Treasurer Report

Current balance is around £6000 including £425 profit from Spree book sales. Accounts are submitted and our ACC contribution funding will be allocated shortly.

Head Teacher Report

Mrs Young thanked everyone who helped with the The Big Cycle, it was very well supported by parents and was a great day for everyone.

A playground consultant visited to advise on improvements to the play areas. The current trim trail is great for the middle schoolchildren but the senior pupils could do with something. Pupil voice will be starting again soon to get some ideas of what the kids would like. A microphone and stage was suggested, dressing up box and small parts play items which could be kept in the sheds. It was noted at Braehead primary the older kids had an iPod and speakers to use during break/lunchtime which the kids really liked.

Mrs Watson attended the Scottish Learning Festival in Glasgow for 2 days and each day 4 pupils and a staff member visited to manage a stall sharing our Live Learning and Outdoor Learning journeys, she was very proud of them.

Middleton Park School have been shortlisted for another national award "best learning technologies project - public and non-profit sector" for their fantastic use of digital technology for Live Learning. Mrs Watson will travel to London with 2 P6 pupils where they will be presenting to the judges of the Learning Technologies Award. The winners will be announced in London on 30 November.

The Children and Young People Services Awards:

Hayden - Inspirational award for children with challenging conditions

Creative School Winner

Best School Winner

Mrs Watson - Inspirational Leadership (very well deserved)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Parent Council vision for the year

Mandy would like to pair up people's skills with the tasks required like Spree books, Christmas cards, Disco etc and get more people involved within the parent council so lots of people have the knowledge of running these events.

Disco

Thought for next meeting –who actually enjoys the discos? Maybe it's time to do something else as time/energy/responsibility involved is quite high and very few people prepared to run the event. Lots of the children don't like the noise. Suggestions were more structured events, party games, movie nights or talent show. We would like to keep the end of school year celebrations for leaving P7s such as pizza party as it's an event they enjoy. Mrs Young will ask the children for their opinion, possibly in the form of an online survey. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting and we will then ask/survey parent's opinions after that.

The Disco next week is organized

Junior – Mandy/Sue with Julie first aider

Senior – Gwen/Sheila with Annie first aider

Mandy and Christine will do a tuck audit to see what we have and Sheila will get supplies if necessary

Christmas Cards

Mrs Watson has asked the classes to complete by the end of term. Karen and Mandy will organize the orders

Funding Requests from School

£1200 was requested for books for the First Minister's challenge. Lots of benefits for kids, covers whole school and each child will have a book diary to write about what they read. House points for challenges etc

Issues from Class Reps

Nursery	Susan Purvis (AM), Lily Rose's Mum (PM)P1	Anzi Saka / Jacqui Todd
P1/2	Julie Blackhall	
P2/3	Rebecca Wright/Annie Cheung	

P3	Colleen Phillip
P4	Adam Swinton
P5	Gillian Tinsley / Karen Buchan
P6	Gwen Denny / Sheila Lang
P6/7	Gladys Oldale / Lindsay Ross

Mrs Watson is keen for issues to be raised as and when they occur instead of waiting for meetings.

Issues were raised about canteen not cutting grapes. Mrs Watson checked and it was confirmed that there are only guidelines for nursery children. Mandy will write letter to catering at ACC to see if there are any plans to change this. We also discussed issues surrounding a child being served macaroni cheese and rice instead of salad/vegetables. Parents were recently asked their opinions on school menus in a survey by ACC.

It was also asked whether we had to use Tempest photographs or could try someone else due to the size/format/price. The school can decide who to use so will think about for next time after feedback from the current orders.

Issue Bin for future discussion

Film night fundraiser

Gin tasting

Constitutional change for next AGM

Next meeting

Tuesday 1st November 2016