

## MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGM: 8 JUNE 2016 MINUTES

### Present:

Elaine Laird  
Sandra Cormack  
Jacqueline Sinclair  
Julie Swanson  
Kirsty McIntosh  
Laura Trueman  
Donella Boulton

### Apologies:

Jaqueline King	Tina Smith
Ishbel Ford	Susan Knapman
Catriona Tait	Emma Robb
Linda Manson	Louise Wilson
Audrey Mulgrew	

### CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Donella welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for lack of meetings this year. She thanked everyone who had helped with teas and coffees at Sports Day and at the School Fayre last August.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jacqueline provided an overview of the accounts for the last year (the financial year being from August to August). Please see attached spreadsheet. It was noted that the current balance is £2737.86. Discussion highlighted that the Santa's Grotto had actually made a loss, however it was felt that this was due to it only being run on one night. The funds provided Education City School programme to encourage learning, sand trays and Book Service books with coloured backgrounds to assist children with dyslexia.

### HEAD TEACHER REPORT:

Mrs Urquhart stated that Mr Boulton had received funding to buy new strips and equipment and that the school had received funding from:

**Tesco (£10,000) & Baillie Windfarm (£5,000):** this funding was provided for the purpose of creating a walking track to allow pupils to become involved in the mile per day initiative. Mrs Urquhart has investigated costs for a track. Quotes to lay a rubberised layer over the route round the field have come in at around £22,000. However, the ideal would be to dig out and create a hardcore path with a rubberised layer over the top as this would be more accessible for all pupils. Unfortunately quotes for this have been around £50,000. There was some discussion over whether individuals could sponsor bits of track and have their names or designs on it.

**Co-op (£2,500):** this funding has been used to purchase mobile book units which can be moved to most areas within the school and grounds. These will be used to facilitate paired reading sessions. Waterproof cushions have also been purchased for the children to sit on.

Solar panels may be a route for funding and it was agreed that this would be looked in to.

Mrs Urquhart advised that the Early Energiser sessions have been a great success with pupils enjoying them greatly. These are sessions that start just after school has started where the pupils follow dance routines to music.

**PSA (Pupil Support Assistants):** Mrs Urquhart advised the allocation has remained the same this year. However three members of staff are retiring, with two leaving from the resource base. To ensure appropriate staffing of that area, PSA's may be moved around.

## **NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

All meeting attendees agreed to be committee members.

**Chairperson:** Donella Boulton (nominated by Laura Trueman, seconded by Kirsty McIntosh)

**Secretary:** Kirsty McIntosh (nominated by Laura Trueman, seconded by Julie Swanson)

**Treasurer:** Elaine Laird (nominated by Sandra Cormack, seconded by Jacqueline Sinclair)

**Vice Chairperson:** Sandra Cormack (nominated by Donella Boulton, seconded by Jacqueline Sinclair)

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Dates for next meetings (all at 7p.m.):**

Tuesday 16 August  
Tuesday 13 September  
Tuesday 25 October  
Tuesday 22 November  
Tuesday 10 January  
Tuesday 7 February  
Tuesday 7 March (bingo discussion)  
Tuesday 25 April  
Tuesday 23 May  
Tuesday 20 June (AGM)

### **Plans for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:**

Mrs Urquhart advised of plans to get badges for all pupils to commemorate the golden jubilee. Other plans include designing squares for a quilted wall hanging, a school song and a school flag.

The school fayre will be a Golden Jubilee School Fayre with a retro theme. Suggestions for the Fayre included:

- A trip down memory lane
- Roll a penny
- Beat the goalie
- Ducks
- pony rides
- Hoop-la
- Sponge throwing
- Usual stalls i.e. baking, tombola, lucky dip, face painting, food (hot dogs and chips)

It was agreed that there will be competitions e.g. fancy dress, create a vegetable person and decorating a sponge cake. A note will be sent home with pupils to raise awareness, to ask for suggestions and to request donations for tombola etc.

### **Suggestions for Fundraising Activities:**

- A cookbook with family recipes
- Mount pleasant tea towels or bags
- Golden Jubilee Dance (January)
- Golden Jubilee Tea Party (June)
- Bingo (March)
- Pudding night (November)
- Santa's Grotto (November)

**Raising Awareness of Parent Council Meetings & Minutes:**

It was agreed a note would be sent to parents advising of the council and asking if they wish to be made aware. If so they can provide their name and e mail address on a returns slip to the school.

**Kirsty McIntosh**  
**Secretary**