

Mount Pleasant Parent Council Meetings Minutes: 13.09.16

Present:

Leanda Courtney	Laura Trueman
Elaine Laird	Donella Boulton
Ashleigh Sutherland	Mrs Urquhart
Julie Swanson	Kirsty McIntosh
Gillian Hossack	Louise Wilson
Sandra Cormack	

- Agreed flowers to be sent to Jacqueline Sinclair as a thank you for staying on as treasurer and service above and beyond the call of duty!
- Agreed e mails should be sent to those who provided e mails and those on the council as reminder for meeting dates.
- Elaine reported that we still do not have access to the bank account.
- Profit from the school fair was £909.78. With income being £1186.98 and outgoings £277.00.
- The current balance in the parent council account is £3607.64.
- Agreed we will let parents know of amount raised at fair through the school newsletter.
- Agreed note to be sent out to children detailing dates of next parent council meetings and what we will be discussing including dates of upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

Pudding Night: 4 November

A note will go out to the school asking parents/relatives/guardians to make a pudding for the pudding night. The night will start at 6.30 with tables set up to receive puddings. pudding makers will also be asked to supply a list of ingredients with each pudding. Tickets will be £3/adult and £1/child. Puddings will also be available to buy and take home.

A note for the school newsletter will be sent out before the end of September.

Brian Laird will create a poster.

Santa's Grotto: 2 December

Suggestion that it could be a combination of grotto and craft fayre. Craft tables would be set up in main hall with the tea, coffee and mince pies. Sell tables for £10/table.

Kirsty to set up a group on Facebook and create a post advertising tables and share with friends to get maximum coverage.

Laura to source oatmeal and sparkles and create reindeer food bags. Poem also to be sourced to laminate and tie around bag with ribbon.

Mrs Geddes suggested that the various groups in the school could have stands and make things to sell e.g. FLAG, Eco and the parent council.

Identified that the Diabetes Christmas event has been fully booked for stalls so suggestion to contact Donna Farquhar to identify if she would mind directing any additional enquiries to us.

Heather has agreed to decorate the grotto. Donella's Dad will be happy to be Santa.

Safer Route to School:

Donella will arrange to register for "Safer Route to School". It has been highlighted that registering provides a route to assistance from the council to make improvements. Safer Routes to School is a Scottish Government body. Concerns have been raised over the car parking situation in Castle Terrace.

A note will go from the school asking parents to stay on the Castle Terrace side of the road if they are taking their children that way. It will also ask parents to stand at the opposite side of the school gate from the lollipop man to ensure that his view of the traffic is not obscured. Those picking up children will be asked to refrain from smoking at the school gate.

The Safer Route to School group will be part of the parent council and have a slot on the agenda. Ashleigh agreed to be the lead name.

Suggestions to raise awareness of Parent Council:

Gillian suggested that instead of sending out notes, we could send e mails. Mrs Urquhart said this had been looked at but Sandra had received a poor response when asking for input. To be considered further. Mrs Urquhart will discuss with Miller after the October holidays.

Suggestion to have a section for the parent council in each newsletter. Agreed a summary from each meeting will be provided to Sandra to allow inclusion. This will include information on up and coming events and meetings.

Suggested meeting information and agendas should go on school website. Mrs Urquhart advised that there have been problems with the website but they are looking at support to resolve this. Agreed that some issues with facebook as people do not always see posts.

Widen the circle to make clear that family members are always welcome to join the parent council, not just parents.

50th Year Celebrations:

- Commemorative badges have been arranged for all pupils at the end of the year.
- Jubilee tea party at the end of the year.
- Cookbook with pupil's recipes (planned to start gathering in January).
- Planning meeting in January.

Active Schools:

The Active Schools co-ordinator, Kenny Russell, is keen to attend a parent council meeting and plans to attend the next one.

Christmas Drawings

Mrs Geddes suggested a website that allows pupils to do a drawing and the school to upload it to the website. The parents/family members are then allocated a unique number and can order christmas cards, mugs etc in their own time. A percentage of this goes to the school.

Agreed it will be arranged for pupils to do this in class. Donella to source squares and arrange for drawings to be done and uploaded.

CD

Mrs Geddes suggested that a CD with pupils singing on it e.g. Christmas songs at Christmas would be a good fundraiser. Suggested could get someone locally to record. burning CD's is relatively cheap. **NOT SURE WHAT OUTCOME WAS???**

What Does the School Need?

Mrs Urquhart advised that the school needs more tracksuit tops as currently cannot use them for sporting events as only enough for about half of the representatives.

Mrs Urquhart will check how to order them and get back to us.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 25 October: planning for pudding night.

Dates for diary:

Parent's Night	10 November
Pudding Night	11 November
Santa's Grotto/Christmas Fayre	2 December
School Show	13 December

A.O.B.:

Donella stated she was keen to put together parent council packs to raise awareness at end of school year. Another suggestion was to sit them out at parents night. Donella will look into this.

Kirsty McIntosh
Secretary
13 September 2016