

Milne's High School Parent Council
Minutes - Meeting 11 September 2017

In attendance:

Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, Chairperson

Gillian Nicol, Vice Chairperson

Clare Brownlie, Treasurer

Gillian Thomson

Karen Wiles

Jane MacPherson

Sheila Erskine

Linda Duncan

Mark Macrae

Shona Morrison

Patricia Cameron, Head Teacher

Raymond and Sarah Shiach

1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Welcome to everyone to the PC meeting and AGM. Apologies from Dave Bremner, Councillor. Cheryl Wall emailed her resignation. Big thank you to Cheryl for all her work and commitment to the PC over the many number of years.</p>	
2.	<p>AGM</p> <p>Committee all stood down. Rhonda Geddes-Stewart re-nominated for Chairperson by Karen Wiles and seconded by Gillian Nicol. Rhonda agreed to stay on a Chair person for one more year only. Gillian Nicol nominated for Vice Chair by Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, seconded by Gillian Nicol. Clare Brownlee re-nominated for Treasurer by Karen Wiles and seconded by Gillian Thomson.</p>	

	<p>All others mentioned above joined PC as members. Big welcome to all our new members and returning members. It was agreed not to have a secretary and for the duties of that role to be combined with the Clerk duties and for the vacant position of Clerk to be advertised. Level of payment to Clerk to be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>RGS reminded everyone of the role of the PC.</p>	RGS Next meeting
3.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting – 19 June 2017 Matters arising: HT asked if the PC's from feeder primaries and ourselves would consider holding a joint Fete. Lhanbryde were of the view that it would not be beneficial to them as they would lose the 'passing trade' and connection with the community at this type of event. This position is understandable. Therefore the option for a joint Fete is not feasible.</p> <p>Consider PC helping at Fete and Sports day at next meeting – underlying problem is that these events are during the school day when most of the PC members are working.</p>	Next meeting
4.	<p>Head Teachers Report Vision – 3 year vision – now in our third year. Raise attainment priority. Want all pupils to reach their full potential and when they leave school – be proud to have attended Milne's High School.</p> <p>Vacancies: 0.4 SFL teacher. SFL key strength of school at HMIE inspection. Full-time technician – advertised Clerical Assistant – Mrs Macpherson moving on – we wish her well in her new role. Inclusion Worker (PEF) working with Locality Management Group to develop and recruit this role. This post will focus on offering a real alternative to exclusion and to support school refusers.</p> <p>Mrs Laurie has completed her tenure as teacher representative – big thank you to Shirley. Mr Iain Cunningham will take over the role.</p> <p>Grace Wheelan, Head Prefect, Rowan Matthews and Andrew Merchant – Depute Head Prefects, will be pupil representatives on the PC. They have had a fantastic start to their roles and set a high tone already.</p> <p>Christmas Craft Fayre – 1 December 2017 – Would PC like to be involved? Discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>PC to lead Parent Focus groups on raising attainment. HT to</p>	Next meeting HT RGS

<p>provide RGS with dates. RGS to send dates to members to ask for volunteers for each event.</p> <p>Tuesday 19 September – BGE Open evening</p> <p>Tuesday 7 November – Hooked</p> <p>Thursday 16 November – Anti-bullying engagement evening</p> <p>Tuesday 21 November – Information for Choice Evening (S3-5)</p> <p>Wednesday 29 November – Senior Phase S3-5 PTG Choice Parent’s evening (1)</p> <p>Thursday 7 December – S3 Parent’s & SDS evening</p> <p>Monday 11 December – Senior Phase PTG Choice Parent’s evening (2)</p> <p>Tuesday 12 December – Christmas concert</p> <p>Tuesday 16 January – S2 Parent’s evening</p> <p>Wednesday 31 January – S1 Parent’s evening</p> <p>Wednesday 14 February – Senior Phase Recital Evening</p> <p>Thursday 22 February – Senior Phase Parent’s evening (1)</p> <p>Tuesday 27 February – Senior Phase Parent’s evening (2)</p> <p>Wednesday 28 March – Young Musician of the Year</p> <p>Tuesday 5 June – Annual dance show</p> <p>Tuesday 12 June – P7 Parent’s Info evening</p> <p>Tuesday 19 June – Awards ceremony</p> <p>Agreed that PC members would attend Parents’ Evenings and gauge opinion on: thoughts and efforts on raising attainment so far and what else we need to do. Need to capture parents’ voice. Need to repackage attainment to explain what is meant by the term – not just about exam results.</p> <p>PC leaflet to be updated. MV to email template to RGS who will update and return.</p> <p>SQA results: Discussed published figures. Best ever 5 Highers results at the school. School needs to look at improving all exam results. Focus on preparing our young people for whatever designation they choose – college, university, work experience etc.</p> <p>Small school but meet the challenge of providing as much courses as possible. Work with the college and Elgin High school to provide Advanced Higher courses in Biology, Chemistry, History.</p> <p>Need to support and motivate our young people. 2016 leavers – 99% positive destinations. Our drop-out rate at college at</p>	<p>dates in red require volunteers</p> <p>MV RGS</p>
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	<p>university is very low. We are moving in the right direction. Need to consider how we best support pupils going to university.</p> <p>A96 survey: Comments on the safety of A96 and how it could be improved. Issues with lane markings at roundabouts. Cycle route from Lhanbryde poor until midway between Lhanbryde and Mosstodloch.</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurers Report £ 2,019.87. This includes £328.99 to cover administrative costs such as a Clerk.</p>	
6.	<p>Fundraising Gillian Thomson will arrange the ordering and purchasing of raffle books – she will also provide guidelines for this task as she will be leaving PC at the end of this session.</p> <p>100 squares – Raffle – PC members to consider and discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Coffee morning – provisional date: 21 April 2017.</p>	<p>GT</p> <p>Next meeting</p>
7.	<p>Dates for PC meeting 2017/18 30 October 2017 4 December 2017 - amended due to Senior Phase Parents' Evening 5 February - amended due to December meeting date change 19 March 2018 30 April 2018 11 June 2018</p> <p>All 7.00 p.m. start.</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB Moray Parent Forum Meetings: 27 September 2017</p> <p>The agenda for the Moray Parent Forum meeting on 27 September is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scottish Parent Teacher Council (SPTC) 2. Children and Young People's Services Committee – Parent Representative 3. National Improvement Framework 4. Parental Involvement Act <p>6.30 p.m. start - PC members to email RGS to advise they are attending so Education Dept can be advised.</p>	

	Other meetings for 2017/18: 22 November 2017 21 February 2018 16 May 2018	
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