

Milne's High School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 19 March 2018

In attendance:

Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, Chairperson

Clare Brownlie, Treasurer

Gillian Nicol, Vice Chairperson

Gillian Thomson

Linda Duncan

Sheila Erskine

Nick Chambers

Trish Cameron, Head Teacher

Iain Cunningham, Teacher Representative

Shona Morrison, Councillor

Andrew Merchant, Senior Student

Rowan Matthews, Senior Student

Lisa Morrison, Parent

Malcolm Thomson, Parent

Ross Jagger, PT Maths

1.	Welcome & Apologies Apologies from Jane Macpherson, Karen Wiles, Marc Macrae, David Bremner Meeting was held at Lhanbryde Primary and was also attended by parents Lisa Morrison and Malcolm Thomson.	
2.	Senior Pupil's update - Andrew Merchant and Rowan Matthews Received a thank you card from Milnescroft for the x-mas hampers. Building on the relationship. Sharing stories and photos of the school now and then with the residents. 5th and 6th year	

	<p>assemblies - volunteers to play board games, music and bingo. 35 students signed up. Dates will be agreed in future.</p> <p>Litter complaints at lunch time continue. Prefects being supported by Community Warden Donna. Pupils who are seen dropping litter are told to clean up their mess. 4th and 5th year assemblies been spoken to about the issue and S1, 2 and 6 will be reminded at their assemblies too.</p> <p>S6 spoke to S4&5 re leadership - to give them some advice on what to expect when they move up after the summer.</p> <p>Exams take place in May - lots to do around Easter time. Senior Pupils to provide feedback to show what they have done this year.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>Minutes agreed - will go on website.</p>	RGS
4.	<p>Head Teachers Report</p> <p>Milne's aims and values match the priorities set nationally and locally - even though the aims and values were developed in 2015.</p> <p>0.6 FTE Business Studies Teacher post - to replace Mrs Souness has been advertised. Expecting an increase in the school role - more than initially expected including a larger first year - which outnumbers the number of leavers. This may result in an increase in staffing.</p> <p>Budget cuts authority wide has resulted in the Technician Team being reduced and the loss of the supervisory technician. In the new session Milne's will only have 2 Technicians. Working with Senior Management to minimise the change. The 3 distinct roles will become 1 generic role undertaken by the 2 Technicians.</p> <p>School Librarian reduced from a 1FTE post to a 0.4 FTE. We will share a Librarian with Lossiemouth High School.</p> <p>Mr Ross Jagger attended the meeting - has developed a numeracy booklet to assist parents to help their children with their maths homework. This will provide advice and guidance. Parents have been requesting help. The booklet will explain what is covered at the various levels - curriculum organised and will demonstrate number processes, explain strategies and the language used. It will also provide example questions and explain success criteria.</p>	

	<p>PC members praised the idea and all thought it would be of great benefit.</p> <p>ASG wide there is a numeracy group developing ideas. Mr Jagger asked for volunteers to consider in greater detail the booklet and discuss how it can be improved and made more parents friendly. Mr Jagger will arrange a time for this sub group to meet.</p> <p>Long term goal - curriculum organisers - 8 smaller booklets with individual areas rather than one large booklet. Web site - and paper copies. Helpful for transition.</p> <p>HT - Number of parents criticised the decision to close the school during the bad weather and some parents criticised the decision to open the school on the Friday even though the school buses were not running. Number of areas are considered before taking the decision to close/open school during extreme weather e.g. safety issues, can staff get to school, expected weather patterns during the school day for children travelling home - later starts, earlier finishes.</p> <p>Occasional Day for 2018/2019 session has been agreed - it will take place on 3 December 2018. Malcolm Thomson thought this could cause issues and would have to be considered for the following year. This is a decision agreed by the teachers and not one that involves the PC.</p> <p>Homework for next meeting - Annual Parent Survey - distilled into priorities for discussion at next PC meeting.</p> <p>Inspection 1 year on - 3 points of actions: 1. improve consistency of high quality learning and teaching 2. Review system of pastoral care. We now have a full complement of chaplaincy team. Huge drop in the number of exclusions due to wellbeing and nurture training and alternatives to exclusions. 3. Pupils planning own learning and ensuring their voices are heard in school.</p> <p>Need to ensure that the parent forum is aware of the good work that the school has been doing.</p> <p>Parent's Survey - Bullying: how can we deal with this better? Anti-bullying engagement evening. Discuss the procedures at the transition evening so that parents understand. Talk about restorative practice and explain to parents the need for confidentiality with regards to the outcome of investigations. Could be added onto The Milne's Way. HT to discuss with SMT</p>	<p>HT/SMT</p>
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5.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>£2,263.92</p>	
6.	<p>Parental Engagement</p> <p>PC members asked to take survey home and consider the responses and what actions are required</p>	Next meeting
7.	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>Coffee Morning 21 April 2018.</p> <p>Sheila mooted the idea of a Mario league on the day. Could be licence issues. No technical staff to set up TV etc. Rhonda to check issue of licence with KW.</p>	RGS
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Big thank you to Gillian Ross at Lhanbryde Primary School for hosting the meeting and also thank you to the janitor for all his help on the night.</p> <p>Next meeting - 30 April 2018 - 7 p.m. Milne's Primary School</p>	