

Milne's High School Parent Council

Minutes - Meeting 6, Mon 26th November 2018

In attendance:

Patricia Cameron, Head Teacher
Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, Chairperson
Iain Cunningham, Teacher Representative
Karen Wiles
Sheila Erskine
Jane Macpherson
Jane Williams
Mark Macrae
Nick Chambers
Shelly Nicol
Shona Morrison
Kirsty Smith, Clerk

1.	Welcome & Apologies Everyone welcomed to the PC meeting. Apologies from David Bremner and Linda Duncan	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes agreed prior to the meeting. Planning to post the minutes up on the new PC Facebook page	
3.	Treasurers Report No change - £3184.54 balance.	
4.	Senior Pupil Update Kelly, Morven, Chloe and Gavin sent their apologies for being unable to attend the PC meeting but provided a letter of progression updates within the school as follows:	

	<p>Milnecroft Project</p> <p>“The Milnecroft project is now gaining real traction and we are just waiting for responses before we go ahead with the Christmas Hampers, music days across there and other activities over at the sheltered housing complex. We are brainstorming ideas such as a buddy system where we would pair up a resident with pupils for a more personal feel to the meeting and make them feel more involved in the school.”</p> <p>Christmas Hampers</p> <p>“Letters for donations have been sent out to businesses, parents and staff. We are waiting for donations before we proceed further.”</p> <p>Eco Committee</p> <p>“Making good progress by getting the foundations and all other items we will need to start the sensory garden in the quad area, lined up for a swift start with no stalling or problems. The sensory garden will include various subjects in the school for a whole inclusive and invested feel. This is also with emphasis on the younger year involvement as they will carry this on after we go on to higher education.”</p> <p>Events Committee</p> <p>“On track with the Christmas dance as they had such a successful and well received Halloween Disco.”</p>	
5.	<p>Head Teachers Report</p> <p>Staffing Vacancies: 0.4 Teacher, Support for Learning (Elite chosen for interview) Positions filled: Maths, Claire Crossman, starting 7th January PT Guidance, Mrs Ria Sparkes, starting 4th December Music, Mr Robert Ross, starting 4th December</p> <p>Vision Statement - still working on content of Vision, Aims, Values and Mission.</p> <p>PC discussed presentation, the wording of statements and the possibility of a ‘wordle’ for ‘Aims’. Discussed the possibility of changing ‘mission’ statement to ‘purpose’.</p>	

	<p>Working on a self-evaluation policy that could possibly tie in with the vision statement.</p> <p>PC pop-up banner could tie in with the vision statement</p> <p>Course choice process Update: trying to improve services for pupils in regards to support and interviews. Mrs Valentine has taken over the course choice process and a column structure has been drawn up based on a free choice to ensure pupils receive the most choices possible. PC discussed the possibility of an engagement evening with parents/pupils if this was felt to be needed.</p> <p>Review of policies</p> <p>Homework Policy review by staff/ pupils / parents</p> <p>Self – Evaluation Policy needs updated and condensed, staff/ pupil/ parent involvement</p> <p>Mobile Phones Policy is split into classroom, corridor, community. Policy needs reviewed by parents/ staff/ pupils</p> <p>Poverty – proof Being mindful as a school and not putting pressure on fundraising. Working on an affordable uniform. No come as you please days. PC would like to get parents involved in writing this policy. We also discussed a cap on school trips.</p> <p>Students out of classes for visits/ trips. Currently there is a policy where a form has to be filled out, we are looking to tighten this policy and formalise it also including a senior’s policy.</p> <p>Inspection One – year – on – CYP Committee Report was accepted by the committee and they commended Milne’s High</p> <p>S3 Parent’s Evening – 4th December</p> <p>School’s for future visit 17th-19th April, really positive looking forward to this visit</p>	

6.	<p>Vice Chair Position</p> <p>PC have had a resignation from Penny McGuire. Sheila Erskine has now taken the Vice Chair position, Seconded by Karen Wiles</p>	SE KW
7.	<p>Show my Homework</p> <p>A query from a parent has encouraged a review by staff, pupil's and parent's, requests for an uptake report and a consideration of equity issues</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>A misunderstanding of letter regarding student targets, PC discussed the idea of an engagement meeting with parents as this was felt that it may clear up some of the confusion surrounding pupil targets.</p>	PC KW
9.	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>Rhonda will be in touch with PC early January, emails will go out after New Year to arrange a fundraising meeting and any other ideas or input to be put forward</p>	RGS
11.	<p>Dates for PC meeting 2019</p> <p>28 January 2019 4 March 2019 22 April 2019 10 June 2019</p> <p>All 7.00 p.m. start.</p>	
	<p>Have a lovely Christmas everyone!</p> <p>Next PC Meeting 29th October 7pm</p>	