

Milne's High School Parent Council

Minutes - Meeting 5, Mon 29th October 2018

In attendance:

Patricia Cameron, Head Teacher
Rhonda Geddes-Stewart, Chairperson
Iain Cunningham, Teacher Representative
Linda Duncan, Treasurer
Andrea Russell, Inclusion Co-Ordinator
Jane MacPherson
Sheila Erskine
Mark Macrae
Jane Williams
Nick Chambers
Morven Pride (Deputy Head Prefect)
Kelly Munro (Senior Pupil Head)

1.	Welcome & Apologies Everyone welcomed to the PC meeting. Apologies from Karen Wiles, Shona Morrison and David Bremner.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting Agreed with a plan to be posted on the Facebook page, and alongside the MHS newsletter. Fundraising – Rhonda waiting on a response from Buckie High School to discuss their approach towards fundraising and towards getting some info out before Christmas. There is an agreed view of making this an ongoing fundraiser throughout the year rather than an annual Christmas Raffle, and is to be aimed and inclusive to all ages.	RGS
3.	Dates for PC meeting 2018/19 26 November 2018 28 January 2019 4 March 2019 22 April 2019 10 June 2019 All 7.00 p.m. start.	

	<p>We got a lovely insight into this relatively new post at MHS and to the work that Andrea is doing and proposing for the future. The breakfast club (which operates during morning break) is proving to be a growing success and a much-needed resource, all supplies are currently provided by Moray Foodbank. This club is not only providing a free breakfast for pupils it can be a safe place for pupils to check in with an adult if needed and can be a great opportunity to form friendship bonds.</p> <p>Woodlands Nurture Group: An 8-week session is running for pupils focusing on teamwork and friendship building whilst learning new outdoor skills (pond dipping/ campfire building). The pupils have had their first session and absolutely loved it, they returned full of excitement and looking forward to the next session!</p>	
7.	<p>Head Teachers Report</p> <p>Staffing – Vacancies / Appointments Maths: Appointment made today (29/10/18)</p> <p>PT Guidance: Mrs Ria Sparkes, very interested and excited about the prospect of working in our school and being a part of our community.</p> <p>Interviews this week (29th– 2nd) ASN, PT Music and DHT</p> <p>Hopefully we will soon be fully staffed</p> <p>Parents evening/ Improvements work/ Forthcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local authority attainment review meeting 2nd October - PEF update - Further improvements to the fabric of the building - Vision values and mission 2nd November Friday 12-2 all welcome, looking at creating a vision statement for people to come and have their say on what they think MHS is all about - Hooked 6th November - Communication leaflet and Facebook - Indication of choice and anti-bullying evening, Thursday 15th of November. Parent Council representation required for this event – we will be looking at scenarios to show those in attendance how MHS deals with bullying and their protocols. This is a great opportunity to involve parents in coming into the school environment - Inspection one year on local authority report, this will be made public by the end of November – a very positive report - S2 Parent’s evening 22nd of November 	

	- Schools for future visit 17th-19th April 2019 – Parent Council involvement important for this event	
8.	<p>Mobile Phone usage</p> <p>Several parents have come to RGS with concerns regarding phone usage within classroom's / class time and have heard their children discussing this issue...</p> <p><u>What is the guidance for teachers on mobile phone usage?</u> Mobile phone usage within a classroom is at the discretion of each classroom teacher. Mobile phones are inevitably a part of a pupil's life and future therefore educating children on responsible phone usage and taking a sensible approach towards allowing children to use their phone within a classroom environment is in place. Student's may use their phones for calendars / calculator's or to take pictures of diagrams / homework, this can often be a useful and quick option. Most pupils are responsible with phone usage, obviously not all! Pupils should have an awareness of when/ where they are using their phones (e.g. holding up busy corridors) and a sense of responsibly around appropriate social media usage within school.</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB – Sheila Erskine</p> <p>Online safety training event, date to be confirmed at next PC meeting. Moray Learning Development Group, this will be an all-day event with two external speakers: Kerry Glen – Safe Strong and Free A social media applications talk on risks/ awareness. CEOP ambassador talk about material around that and how to use it correctly and safely. Stevie Gilles, Police Scotland Scottish Government accredited online safety training.</p> <p>This event is going to be open for it Parents / Carers and members of the public to attend and will be held at Moray College, Elgin.</p> <p>Dysexia Awareness Week - Dyslexia Scotland will be holding an event in the Laicmoray Hotel Elgin on 7 november 2018 from 1.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. to provide information, resources and advice</p>	
10.	Tour of building: to see the work undertaken in upgrading the fabric of the building e.g. new doors.	
11.	Next PC Meeting 26th November 7pm	

