

Marykirk Parent & Carers Council

Minutes of Meeting held on

Monday 9th March 2015

Present: Karen Stather, Karen Wolstencroft, Heather Herd, Fiona Thomson (Head Teacher), Kim Tait, Alison Thomson, Bev MacKinnon, William Brown

Chaired by: Heather Herd

1. Apologies

Sara Adair

2. Review of Previous Minutes - 12th November 2014

Minutes were proposed as a true reflection of events by Heather Herd and seconded by Fiona Thomson.

3. Family 80s Disco, 7th February 2015

A profit of £155 was made from this. There are two bottles of wine left over from the 'wine or water' stall and are available for raffle or similar event in the future.

4. Playground funding/Current Balance

Since the last meeting, formal announcement has been made of the National Lottery funding towards the playground development. This funding is conditional on the MPCC raising £2756 by January 2016.

MPCC balance was £2021.59 as of 20/02/15 (email from Sara).

5. Future Fundraising Activities

Other sources of possible funding were mentioned. Common good fund & wind farm were two possibilities. Fiona will approach person responsible for play parks within Aberdeenshire Council to see what advice they might have. Action **FT**

Ceilidh night – a popular idea especially if a suitable ceilidh band could be found to provide live music. If a ceilidh band is too expensive, it would be possible to use the sound system with appropriate ceilidh band CDs and a dance caller. Lathallan School may have a ceilidh band, Bev will contact them to find out. Action **BM**

'Marykirk's Got Talent' - Fiona explained that following feedback from the pupils, this event would only be for a school audience. However, depending on how that goes, there may be the opportunity for a repeat performance open to an audience of family & friends.

As regular and grateful beneficiaries of the Raft Race committee's donations, a letter is to be written to the Raft Race Treasurer highlighting the one-off situation of the playground development. This will be written by the children. **Action FT**

Fashion Show – examine the possibility of a children's fashion show run in conjunction with M&Co's Montrose branch. Heather will contact them with the enquiry. If the M&Co option isn't viable, Fiona will approach contact regarding ladies fashion show. **Action HH/FT**

Pamper Evening – this is provisionally scheduled for the 25th September and ideally would be in the Park Hotel, Montrose. Heather to check dates and if necessary change date to ensure Park Hotel is the venue. Heather to also contact beautician contacts to see if they are willing to participate. **Action HH**

Movie Night – this will restart on Friday 27th March, 3.30pm. £2.50 a ticket which includes popcorn & juice. Fiona will produce a leaflet to advertise this to children & parents. Kim & Fiona will supervise the first Movie Night. **Action KT/FT**
Depending on numbers, future Movie Night's may be held on a Thursday with timing as appropriate.

Raft Race Stall – carry on with the strawberries and marshmallow 'kebabs' just as last year. **Action KT**
Possibility of selling water and/or other products but need to check with Raft race committee to ensure that other vendor concessions aren't being infringed.

Sponsored Parent/Staff challenge - such an event was felt appropriate to tie in with Health Week which is provisionally scheduled for 8th June. This could take the form of the Parent Council vs the School staff in a 'race-off' to cover miles in an hour using bikes/ turbo-trainers. Fiona will consult the children to see what ideas they have about a suitable challenge. **Action FT**

6. School Inspection

Fiona announced that the publication of the recent Inspection is imminent. Overall, the inspection went very well.

7. School Photos

Lorna Simpson is currently dealing with arranging these.

As an additional fund-raising idea, it was decided to look into combining the November coffee morning with selling 10 minute portrait slots with a professional photographer. **Action FT/HH**

8. Hall invoice

Fiona confirmed that the invoice from an event such as November's coffee morning would normally be passed to the school for payment.

9. Red Nose Day

Other than Red Noses being available for sale at school, no additional activities are planned for it as 'Archie in Africa' on the 27th March is the main focus.

10. AOCB

Kim asked if there was any likelihood of an additional classroom for the next school year. Fiona explained that this wasn't likely though there may be a reconfiguration of the division between the ages into each particular classroom. This is not likely to be finalised until into the next term.

Fiona presented 'Learning' objective posters which have been produced in a number of formats and these outline the children's aspirations.

Karen Wolstencroft voiced her appreciation of the teachers' efforts in escorting the children during the recent trips to Abernethy, to London for WE Day and also to Edinburgh for the Scottish Book Awards.

Fiona will pass this on to the teaching staff but wanted to add how the teachers have been impressed by the way in which the children had responded and behaved during these trips. By all accounts they had been a real credit to themselves and to the school.

The Rights Respecting Inspector is visiting the school on the 1st April and is keen to speak to any parents who may be available.

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 27th April 2015 at 6.30pm – any agenda items can be handed into the school office.