

Marykirk Parent & Carers Council

Minutes of Meeting held on

Monday 27th April 2015

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

Chaired by: Heather Herd

1. Apologies

Karen Wolstencroft , Janet Thomson, Kim Tait

2. Review of Previous Minutes - 9th March 2015

Minutes were proposed as a true reflection of events by Heather Herd and seconded by Bev MacKinnon.

3. Hall invoice from Christmas Coffee Morning

This has now been resolved and was paid from MPCC funds.

4. Raft Race, 21st May – Crew & Helpers

Currently four volunteers to look after stalls (Bev, Karen W., Heather & Kim) with possible others. A single volunteer for the raft (Willie) though more needed, ideally four in total or more. Some of the school staff may be interested in crewing the raft, Fiona will check and respond. Action: **FT**

In the meantime, an email looking for any other volunteers will be sent out. Action: **WB**

Bruce passed on the message on behalf of the Raft Race Committee that they are happy for the MPCC to run a stall selling juice & sweets. Action: **HH**

5. 2015/2016 - Class Sizes

School roll currently 39 with it likely to be 34 for the 2015-2016 school year. As things stand, the classrooms will be organized along the lines of P1-P4 in one classroom with P5-P7 in the other.

6. Pamper Evening

Heather has the Park hotel booked for 25th September with nine stall holders confirmed, two 'possibles' and two still to respond.

7. Fashion Show

Heather has been in touch with M&Co who could host a fashion show either in June or August. M&Co provide much of the organization provided they are able to get enough of their staff to volunteer (as it is unpaid). The show would need 20-25 volunteers for the clothes show. August was agreed as the most suitable date. Heather to confirm date with M&Co. Action: **HH**

8. Parent vs Staff Challenge

This will take place on Wednesday 10th June to coincide with Health Week and will take the form of a sponsored 'cycle' using turbo-trainers.

Availability of turbo-trainers doesn't seem to be an issue but what might be awkward is that certain tyre types get worn down quickly if used on a turbo-trainer. Willie to look into finding spare bike(s) to be set up on turbo-trainers to save a lot of wheel & tyre swapping going on. This would also make things easier with the set-up for the cycle computer that logs the distance cycled. Action: **WB**
For those who already have a bike with a rear tyre suitable for use on a turbo-trainer, they can simply bring it along and get it onto the turbo-trainer.

9. Scotplay playground

Fiona reported that Scotplay had been in touch to ask when work could be started on the new playground. One aspect to take into account is that payment is required in full within 30 days of the work being completed. Sometime in the summer holidays would be a good opportunity but before settling on a date, it was decided to find out how long the work is likely to take. Fiona will ask Scotplay to provide an estimate. Action: **FT**

There is also the issue of annual inspection and upkeep of the facility to be considered. It is hoped that Aberdeenshire Council would be dealing with this. Fiona will make enquiries to determine if this is the case. Action: **FT**

10. Future Fundraising Activities

'Spa at Home' 20th June

Kim is hosting this at her house with all commission raised through sales being kindly donated to the playground fund. Everyone is welcome but for anyone unable to make it along on the day, there are 'Spa at Home' books available on request from Kim for anyone who wants to browse them or place an order outwith the party.

Race Night

Bruce explained how this is usually organized and that it had worked well for the Raft Race committee. It was felt that this had a lot of potential so need to start contacting potential sponsors before deciding on a date. Action: **ALL**

Fathers' Day fundraiser

Heather and Kim had thought there was potential to put together some sort of treat bag for children to give to Dad's on Fathers' Day. It was felt that whilst a nice idea, it might find itself falling victim to 'fundraising fatigue'.

11. AOCB

The Rights Respecting Inspector visited the school on the 1st April and following on from this, the school was awarded its Level 1 award. The school is now working towards the Level 2 award.

Bruce mentioned the lack of a barrier between pavement and road immediately in front of the main school entrance. Fiona will contact Aberdeenshire Council to see if one can be installed. Action: **FT**

Fiona has booked the photographer for the Christmas Coffee Morning and will be publicized nearer the time to allow slots to be booked.

On the topic of photos, the recent school class photos have met with a mixed reception regarding the format, size and price.

'Marykirk's Got Talent' – Following on from the entry in the previous meeting's minutes, Fiona is hopeful that with the assistance of a local drama teacher that the children will be keen to show off their talents to an audience of family & friends.

Movie Night – next one scheduled for Friday 29th May along the same lines as the previous one. The previous night was well attended with the ticket money from this going towards the playpark fund. Fiona will produce a leaflet to advertise this to children & parents. Heather & Fiona supervising.

Action: **HH/FT**

Fiona mentioned that she has proposed the school as a 'hub' for the [Medal Routes](#) initiative. If this proved popular with ramblers, then it could also provide potential customers for coffee mornings.

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 1st June 2015 at 6.30pm – any agenda items can be handed into the school office.