



Maidenhill Primary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7pm

Present: Mr McDonald (HT), Miss Shaw (DHT), Mrs Barr (PT), Mr Edge, Lee de Franca (Chair), Wendy Nixon (Vice-Chair), Susan Hamill (Treasurer), Diane Rutherford (Comms Co-ordinator), Jenny Boyd (Fundraising Co-ordinator), Clare Lamont (Secretary), Gillian McNeill, Liz Maxwell, Zhada Robertson, Priyanka Kumar,

1. Apologies: Sabrina Chalmers (Secretary), Leigh O'Donnell (Treasurer), David Bickley, Lauren Kendrick, Amna Yousef
2. New and outgoing members: Nil new since last meeting, outgoing Gill Craig, Mhairi Hill, Saadia Sohail, Yasmin Mirza, Elnara Alderson
3. Chairperson's update: see report
4. Headteacher's report: see report
5. Care Inspectorate report: Mr McDonald reported there was a 3 day (unannounced) inspection of the nursery (full report now published on the Care Inspectorate website). This had been cancelled due to covid last year. There will be a link to this report in the next HT bulletin but it went very well and they received good feedback (Care and support rated good, Environment rated good, Staff rated very good and Leadership rated good). There were no action points nor formal recommendations (which is remarkable for a new nursery, and so he and the staff were very pleased). Mr McDonald reported that our nursery has gone from a staff of 6 to 16 since opening and pupil numbers have trebled.
6. Treasurer's report: see report
7. Mr Edge's Secret Garden: Mr Edge presented the school's proposed plans for a Secret Garden outside the existing lunch hall. The planning, ideas and designs were put together by last year's P5. Overall cost is in the region of £8,500 and £9,000 and they are applying for Lottery funding but will also

appreciate any funds that can be donated by the PC. It will be a child-lead project and various year groups will be involved throughout the school and nursery. It can be split into different projects and completed at different times. There is a proposed Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ entrance (with trolley donated by Glasgow Airport), leading to a yellow brick road and dome made from various shapes with seating, then a beach area (with sunken boat which is already procured), a pond with ecolife (and child-safe padlocked safety cover), wild flower borders, school-grown foods, raised border for planting, a forest trail and tyre climbing and raised tuff trays.

This project will help the school with many areas of the curriculum such as health and wellbeing, numeracy etc.

It was proposed by Lee de Franca that there could be a way to mark each child's contribution to the Secret Garden, especially those who will leave Maidenhill before it is fully established. For example, the child's name on a pebble. Mr Edge suggested names on bricks of the yellow brick road. Mr Edge and Mr McDonald were very open to including this idea, in some shape or form.

Diane Rutherford asked if it would be possible to have input at a family level (if/when restrictions allow) and Mr Edge and Mr McDonald were very open to this.

The school has already received wood from the building groups and plan to purchase plants from Mclarens plant nursery at reduced prices.

8. Fundraising (Easter and Summer): For Easter it was proposed that we have Mark the Magician come and do year group 30 minute magic shows (usual cost £150/hour, which would be £750 but he is offering £490 for 8x 30 minute shows (P1-7 and Nursery). Suggested date for this was Thursday 31st March 2022. A suggested donation from parents of £5 was made in the same way that was done for the Kidneck parties previously. PC could then provide snacks/prizes with help from Asda donations and it was also noted that Robertson's homes were keen to donate to future events (after donating to the Lady's Night). For Summer, it was proposed a less labour intensive option of a sponsorship - for example sponsored run/move 1000miles, which could be done in houses. Mr Edge pointed out that the previous 500 Mile Challenge had to be abandoned due to poor weather conditions but the plans for this could be resurrected. Offers of help for events were made from PC members. It was asked whether PC would be able to use the MUGA/outdoor school space for future fundraising - Mr McDonald confirmed this would be possible at this stage but not if the wider parent body is involved due to current covid restrictions. CL wanted to gauge interest in re-booking the previously cancelled panto for this coming Christmas

(£650 which involved 1 show for the whole school (not nursery)). It was agreed to go ahead and book this for 19th December 2022.

9. AOB:

- a. Class rep updates and questions - No issues raised other than some outgoing PC members were class reps - P7 was identified as the only year group no longer having any class rep (WN has volunteered but is already a PC office bearer). LdF suggested that she do a post on the PC What's App groups to see if there were any other volunteer but if there aren't then WN should be the P7 class rep if she is happy to do so (even in her position as an office bearer). *WN has now taken on the role of P7 Class Rep.*
- b. Raising Twitter/Facebook profile - suggestion of bulletin reminders and promoting the PC joining forms
- c. New member recruitment - retweets on Twitter, for example local teacher/Head of Education in ER twitter pages, increase posting, parental engagement questionnaire, PC workshop events in non-covid times. Mr McDonald asked the PC if they were looking for new members to PC or the fundraising team specifically and are they wanted during the current year or just at the start of the next new year? PC agreed that it is really just helping hands needed for ideas/events/contributions that are needed. New PC members can put themselves forward at the next AGM.

10. Date for next meeting - TBC but proposed dates were Monday 25th April or Tuesday 26th April. *Date has now been confirmed as Tuesday 26th April at 7pm.*