

Present: NM, DS, NR, CN, HMc, SC

Apologies: MW, LT, NM, HG, AC, CM, SC, L, L.

Previous Minutes

Minutes accepted subject to minor correction relating to the amount of money to be transferred to the school for P7 enterprise. This figure should be £150 not £100.

HT update

Staffing Update

Mrs Colquhoun has returned from maternity leave and is working on a Thursday/Friday until the Spring Break, after this she will return on a Wednesday – Friday. Mrs Colquhoun has resumed her Acting PT role, therefore Mrs Murray has resumed her Class Teacher role on those days, and continues as Acting PT Monday – Wednesday.

We have 3 teaching staff on long-term absence. We have secured supply cover for some of this and have been working hard to reduce the impact on children and maintain continuity of learning.

Scottish Assembly

We had another successful Scottish Assembly in February where we celebrated all things Scottish with a mix of poetry, song and drama. Thanks to the Airdrie Burns Club for their support, and to Ms Sichi for organising the day and leading the drama group.

Curriculum

We are moving closer to sharing the learning with parents via the Book Creator app. Over the coming weeks and months staff will be uploading content. Some information, including important caveats, have been shared with parents.

Nursery Update

We are delighted to welcome Kirsty Milligan (Principal Lead) back following a long-term absence.

Amanda Benson will be starting maternity leave next week so we are hoping to have some cover starting with us soon.

Primary 7 Fundraiser

Mr Rodman is asking if the PC are still able to provide the £150 for the P7 fundraiser event as he is keen to get things ordered ASAP.

Aim High Team

Mrs Colquhoun will be taking over the AHT again for this session.

Fundraising

We will be collecting for the foodbank again before the Easter holidays. We are also currently planning a fundraiser for Save the Children, which looks like it will be a talent show, planned alongside the AHT – work in progress.

Eco

Mrs Polatjko has taken over working with the Eco Team for this session.

Sport

Our P7 children recently attended the NLC Football Festival and won the tournament, having won all their games and conceded just one goal.

We have the cross country finals and the netballs finals coming up in the next couple of weeks.

ACES are running a 4 week block of netball sessions after school for P5-7, and we have a multisport club for P1-2 at the moment, ran by Airdrie Sports LEaders.

Digital

No update

Rochsolloch Readers

They have planned a range of activities for World Book Day which we are celebrating on Friday.

Additional Support Needs

No update

Parent queries

Question raised about long term absences and lack of continuity of teaching staff for pupils. The DPT highlighted that the school have been working hard to minimise disruptions; however limited availability of supply teachers within NLC has been a barrier to obtaining consistent teacher cover. Communications to parents about the disruptions and how these are being addressed have been identified have been issued.

Questions were raised about the implementation of book creator and provision of Glow Account passwords. DPT advised that a phased implementation of book creator will be occurring, with details issued to pupils and parents as soon as possible. It was highlighted that pupils will not be able to use book creator at home as it is an assessment tool and parents should view it as a snapshot of their children's learning. DPT advised that Glow passwords are issued to P4-P7 children in August so that their homework can be accessed via Teams.

Clarification was requested by parents re: school homework and behaviour policies. DPT highlighted that these are available to view on the school website.

An update on vandalism in the school toilets was requested. NM advised that things have significantly improved since school began focussing on reinforcing respectful values and brought in the community policing team to talk to pupils about a wide range of issues, including online safety.

Treasurer Report

Balance: £5761.16 balance

Income:

- £471.24 (Valentines Day Disco),
- £220.00 (Online disco tickets)
- £43.63 (Easy fundraising).

Expenses:

- £54.61 (Netball tops)
- £135 (DJ for Valentines Disco)
- £72 (Valentines Disco sweets)

Treasurer advised that Parentkind donation of £276.82 (ASDA cashpot) is due to be deposited in coming days but is not included in this list.

Brief discussion was had around future spending commitments and asks from the school. It was broadly agreed that £1200 would be required to fund P7 leavers activities, £235 to fund the summer disco and that around £1000 should be budgeted for holding a summer fayre type of event.

Recognised that two big challenges for the PC and school are the renewal of laptops and swimming lessons. Clarity to be sought from NLC around the closure of John Smith pool. Costings will be obtained for alternative provision for swimming lessons in coming year as it is anticipated that the pool will not reopen before August 2025 when lessons usually occur.

PC are committed to helping with laptop funding but will need an idea of current outgoings before making a commitment. PC to explore whether there are additional funding opportunities that can be identified. If applying for blue token scheme via Tesco the intention could be to link application to digital leadership and literacy skills.

Action List

An action list (see attached) was generated in relation to upcoming events.

AOB:

Any minutes from previous meetings that have not been shared to be identified, redacted and uploaded to school website.

Next meeting: 13th May