

Welcome: Thomas Sneddon, Siobhan McMenemy, Elaine Ewart, Barry Cook, Gordon Foulds, Louise Muir, Fiona Muir, Annette Currie, Elaine Henderson, Jenny Anderson, Louise Dunn, Susan Gillon, Gillian Hall, Sheryll Pickering.

Apologies: Louise, Claire, Joanne, Lucy

AGM 2022/23 Minutes: These were approved with no actions to carry forward.

Chair report/Secretary Report:

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to come along tonight.

I want to start by thanking each and every one of the parent council members for all your amazing help last year, from organising and volunteering at our events and fundraisers and coming along and showing your support at our monthly meetings, i'm sure i speak on behalf of everyone here in saying we had a very good year and look forward to the year ahead.

The support from the senior management team, teachers, support staff, janitors and office staff has been amazing, we really couldn't do what we do without their support.

To all the parents/carers (parent forum) i would like to thank you for coming along to our events, volunteering your time where needed, attending meetings and supporting what we do. The children are very lucky to have such an amazing school network.

The last few terms for the parent council were very challenging but we all stepped up and got through it. Unfortunately it has seen our chair Sarah and Vice chair Marilyn stepping down from their roles. We would like to thank them both for all their hard work and support over the years.

It's a new year and we have an amazing team on the Parent council and I'm sure when we knock our heads together we will have another amazing year ahead at Newmains.

Achievements:

Discos: We ran 2 very successful disco's last year, the children enjoyed the neon theme the most. It was so lovely to see them all having the best time. Some may have had more fun with the neon face paints than others.

Fayres: We had our Christmas fayre which was great. The turn out was amazing then i think we absolutely had the best summer fayre, the support and buzz and sunshine on the day was fantastic. All funds raised help to support the children and school where needed.

Contributions: With the funds raised last year we contributed to: school trips, p7 hoodies, Accelerated reader, xmas gifts, P1 homework bags, a new sound system which is going to be a great asset for future events indoors and out.

We also started a small gardening group towards the end of term to try and tidy up the school playground and also the garden outside the dinning area of the school. There is still a bit of work to be done here but we will continue to chip away at this and hopefully with the vision of the children we can make a perfect sensory garden/area for any of the pupils who just need a wee breather from class.

Treasury Report:

Highlights from this financial year have included:

- Funding all school trips again this year
- Purchase of P7 ties
- Purchase of a new portable sound system for the school which can be used inside and outside
- Contribution towards the accelerated reader scheme
- Contribution towards P7 leavers hoodies
- Contribution towards the P7 leavers band costs
- Provision of selection boxes for all pupils (Xmas 2022)
- Provision of P1/P2 Christmas books
- Fantastic Halloween and Spring Fling discos
- A brilliant Christmas Fayre
- And of course our record breaking Summer Fayre!!

As mentioned, these are unverified at present but we have someone with a financial background to audit them and they will then be submitted to the charity regulator (OSCR).

Statement of Balances as at 31st August 2023

Bank and cash in hand	2022-2023	2021-22
Bank Opening Balance - 1st Sep 2022	4,812.84	7,797.59
Income	12,940.89	10,250.88
Expenditure	10,941.42	13,235.63
Surplus/(deficit) for Year	1,999.47	-2,984.75
Closing Balance - 31st August 2023	6,812.31	4,812.84

NB Cash in Hand/General Float = £96.89

All funds are unrestricted

Head Teachers Report:

- This year there are 404 pupils at Newmains, split over 15 classes.

Last year was an amazing year for newmains with the following Awards received, the staff and children worked so hard to achieve these.

- Gold Rights Respecting Award – June 2023
- Gold Sports Scotland Award – June 2023
- Digital Schools Award - May 2023
- Silver Reading Schools Award – May 2023
- Leaf School Award – June 2023
- Pocket Garden competition winners – June 2023

Here is a link to showcase the achievements. Please follow this link

<https://youtu.be/g6aZjLq0oDM>

School Improvement plan for the coming year

- Our vision and values remain at the heart of Newmains.
- Celebrate wider achievements and ensure a range of experiences available for all.
- To continue to raise attainment in Reading and Writing.
- Improve adaptive teaching, challenge and assessment through high quality professional learning experiences and small tests of change within practitioner enquiry activities.
- To develop pupil led learning and target setting through effective play pedagogy, pupil voice and planned activities.
- Further enhance STEM experiences for all pupils.

Plans:

- Three main areas: Wellbeing, Raising Attainment and STEM
- Wellbeing – staff training in Who cares Scotland, PATHS, CIRCLE and Wider achievement
- Raising Attainment – Talk for writing and reading, adaptive teaching, improved play provision and pupil target setting
- STEM opportunities, open afternoon, world of work and digital skills pathways

Election of Office Bearers.

- **Chair** - Thomas Sneddon
Proposed - Elaine Ewart
Second - Fiona Muir
- **Secretary** - Elaine Ewart
Proposed - Thomas Sneddon
Second - Siobhan McMenemy
- **Social Media Secretary** - Siobhan McMenemy
Proposed - Elaine Ewart
Second - Fiona Muir
- **Treasurer** - Barry Cook
Proposed - Thomas Sneddon
Second - Gordon Foulds

Election of Parent Council Members

Louise Moore
Gordon Foulds
Fiona Muir
Annette Currie
Elaine Henderson
Jenny Anderson
Louise Speirs

If you wish to be a member and have a vote on decisions, please reach out to us, everyone is welcome.

AOB:

- Draft constitution has been written, this will be submitted to all Parents/carers (parent forum).
- A meeting will take place to plan Events/Fundraisers for the year ahead.

Next Parent Council Meeting: Thursday 21st September 2023 6pm to 7pm