**Minutes**

**Wednesday 18th January 2023**

Caroline Simpson (Vice chair), Catherine Moran (Treasurer), Vicki Gibson (Secretary), Mrs Steel, Mrs McCue, Mrs Sutton, Jill Gibson, Kate Noble, Cat Anderson, Katie Fordyce, Rachael Mitchell, Claire Lawerance, Annette Clark, Lynne Pirie, Helen Feeney, Leeanne Brown, Donna Sutherland

**Apologies**:

Shona Esslemont (Chair), Rachael Smith, Nicola Clarke, Kimberley Stewart

Caroline welcomed everyone and gave Shona’s apologies and said she would be chairing the meeting tonight.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Caroline read through these. No matters arising and they were approved by Catherine Moran and seconded by Annette Clark.

**Head Teacher’s report:**

Mrs Steel started by saying Happy New Year everyone! We are back to reality with a bump after a lovely break over Christmas. Thank you for your patience and understanding when the snowy weather hits, it’s one of the most stressful situations to deal with as we always want to open but need to take safety into account and this week, the roads have just been awful.

Term 2 was very productive with the children working hard in their respective classes. The run up to Christmas was very busy with the whole school being involved in our Christmas concert for the first time since 2019! We’ve had lots of lovely feedback from parents and members of the community regarding the concert and are very grateful to all who helped make it so successful. It was a great return to life before covid!

As you all know, we said an emotional farewell to Miss Walker at the end of last term! She took great delight in messaging us all on the 1st day back telling us that she missed us already, but she had taken 10 mins to get to work!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Youngson to join our staff team permanently and she is excited to get into her own class, she brings a lot of teaching experience with her and compliments the team very well. As a result of her appointment, we have a post advertised to fill her vacancy, which is currently covered by Mr Orskov who is with us on supply.

Term 3 marks the halfway point in the school year and we continue to strive to ensure that we are moving the school forward and continually looking at how we can ensure that we are meeting the needs of each of our pupils. This involves target setting, moderation activities across the school to ensure that our professional judgement is correct and Quality Assurance processes to ensure that learning experiences are of a high quality. We also rely on the support of our parents to ensure that we can meet the needs of our individual learners. We are also about to start our cycle of National Assessments, starting with P7 and we will use these to support our professional judgement.

**Treasurers report:**

Our balance at this moment is £1523.47. Catherine told us that the old account got closed on 9th November 2022. We’ve been getting on fine with new account; online banking has made things much easier.

We renewed our lotto licence for £20.

We spent £338.91 on Christmas presents and party food. Shout out to Louise Brown of Louise’s Creations for all her help with the personalised water bottles.

Christmas disco was a little quieter and took in £201.50. So after expenses of £187.07 we made a profit of £14.43.

We had a one off expense of £10.96 for a first aid kit to have with us at all events.

We got great support in our lucky square hampers before Christmas and made an amazing £791.

Lastly we had a £45 expense for teachers leaving gift.

**Homework:**

Vicki explained that she had, had a few parents ask if homework could be discussed at a meeting again. There has been a few parents finding it difficult trying to do everything in the new days to do it in. Vicki asked if a survey for parents to write down what they are thinking could come out. Mrs McCue said they are just getting used to it themselves and it needs time to run for everyone to see how it is. It can’t be changed immediately but they do normally put out a survey later on in the year so can get feedback then but they have had a lot of positive feedback themselves so far. If anyone is having trouble or any issues please don’t hesitate to contact the school. They are here to help.

**Leavers Hoodies:**

Caroline has contacted Jazmayne and is in process of getting these sorted out.

**Burns Supper:**

We are so delighted to be getting our Burns supper back. It is on Friday 27th January. Tickets are selling well but if anyone is looking for tickets please contact school or any of our committee. We need final numbers in by Friday 20th. We will be having a raffle on the night so any donations can be taken on the night or given to any of the committee before. There is a few of the primary 7s practising addressing the haggis. They will be asked if any of them would like to do it on the night.

**Games Night:**

Date for your diaries. After the success of last year’s games night we have decided to do another one. It will be on Friday 3rd March. More details to follow.

**Coffee Morning:**

Caroline asked if we would be getting the coffee evening back this year. Mrs Steel and Mrs McCue said it had been so long since the last one and would be delighted to have it again. We would look at dates in May and see when would be best for it.

**Wet Weather:**

Vicki had said she had a few parents asking about what happens at break/dinnertime on wet days. There had been a day last week the kids came home soaking. They had sat all afternoon in wet clothes/footwear. Mrs McCue said that children are welcome to come with wellies on or appropriate footwear and have trainers or plimsolls in their bag to change into. Also they can have spare pair of socks or shorts in bag for emergencies.

**Maud Kids Football:**

Cat told us that only the P1/2s in the hall have gotten back since Christmas. It was too wet last week for the P3-7s last week and everyone was cancelled this week. Hoping they will be back to normal next week.

Reminder to everyone that they are still looking for new coaches. If anyone is interested then please contact Cat.

**A.O.B:**

Caroline told everyone that after our poll about going back to face to face meetings it was voted that we stick to teams but have the AGM face to face.

Mrs Sutton is part of the eco committee and after a successful book swap they have decided to do a clothes swap. This is will be going ahead on Mon 6th February. They are looking for any good condition clothes aged 5-13. She was asking for parent helpers to help set up for this on Friday 3rd and Monday 6th. More details will follow.

Katie brought up if we were going to get the tuck shop back. Mrs Steel and Mrs McCue said they would look into this and ask catering staff.

Caroline thanked everyone for attending.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 26th April 2023 @ 6.30pm – All welcome**