**Minutes**

**Wednesday 26th April 2023**

**Attending:**

Shona Esslemont (Chair), Caroline Simpson (Vice chair), Catherine Moran (Treasurer), Mrs Steel, Mrs McCue, Miss Simpson, Miss Buchan, Annette Clark, Cat Anderson, Katie Fordyce, Kate Noble, Claire Lawrence, Lynne Pirie, Nicola Clarke, Sarah McQuaid, Emma Buchan, Lenka Mbadugha, Vicki Brown, Donna Sutherland, Helen Feeney

**Apologies**:

Vicki Gibson (Secretary), Jill Gibson, Lauren Strachan, Leah Middleton

Shona welcomed everyone and gave Vicki’s apologies and said that Caroline would be taking the minutes at tonight’s meeting.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Shona read through these. No matters arising and they were approved by Katie Fordyce and seconded by Catherine Moran.

**Head Teacher’s report:**

It’s hard to believe that it’s term 4 already! Our current school roll is 91 pupils and the we are pleased to report that the school continues to operate well.

We have a busy term ahead – P1 induction plans are underway, although unfortunately, we only have a small number of pupils coming in August which will have an effect on staffing for us. We also have our P7 transition planned, our whole school trip to the theatre, sports day and Bikeability training. We are also having a whole school picnic to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Learning is progressing well in all classes and we are about to start the process of SNSA assessments with our P1 children. Our final reports are due out later this term too and staff are busy working to prepare these.

**Treasurers report:**

We had our Aberdeenshire council yearly funding of £285.90 and our photo shoot fundraiser with H Milne raised £120.

We had our Burns Supper and after expenses we raised £48.49.

Leavers hoodies cost £187

We went over our 10 transaction limit on the account in January so got charged £11.35.

We had our Games night which after expenses raised £182.66.

We also had our Easter disco which after expenses raised £133.19.

Lastly the raffle books for our upcoming May Fayre cost £69.28.

**School roll/Staffing:**

Mrs Steel starting by saying that the current school roll is 91 and that we only have 3 confirmed to be starting Primary 1 after the summer. Aberdeenshire Council have changed the staffing rules from the current rule of 96 pupils required for 5 teachers to 101 so we will be nowhere near the amount to allow us to keep 5 teachers. Mrs Steel saying at this moment in time we will be down to 4 teachers next session. Unfortunately this will mean there will be a compulsory transfer of a member of staff. Mrs McCue saying that the staff are all gutted and that the headteachers will also need to pick up teaching time next session to cover.

**Coffee Evening**

Shona saying we still have 5 tables left to sell if anyone knows of anyone who may be interested in having a table. Miss Buchan asking for a table, Shona saying that was fine and we will be in touch. Shona saying we are still looking for a good few helpers and that we maybe need another email out to ask for parents to reply to the previous email. Mrs Steel saying this can be done. Mrs McCue saying she will let us know shortly which of the teachers are available and when. Shona saying we will be sending home envelopes shortly for the children to decorate and fill instead of the lollipop game. Shona saying more details will be sent out soon about this.

**Maud Kids Football:**

Cat told us training is back to Maud Park for all age groups from 6.30-7.30pm every Tuesday evening. It’s a busy time of year for our farming coaches so we may be limited to how many coaches we have available. As ever, we are still looking for more parents to come and join our coaching team.

Gala invites are in for Auchnagatt, New Deer, Fyvie, and Stuartfield. Can all football parents reply about their child’s availability ASAP.

Our gala is on Saturday 17th June. Information will come out soon, but as with every other year, as much help from our footballing familes as possible will be much appreciated, we can’t do it without your help.

**A.O.B:**

Shona saying the current parent council of herself, Caroline, Vicki and Catherine will all be stepping down in September so a whole new committee will be required. Shona saying more information will be put out nearer the time but if anyone wants to know anymore about any of the roles to please speak to any one of the current committee.

Mrs McCue saying that Mr Murray our PSA is taking part in the 3 pistes challenge and has decided to do it as sponsored event for the school. Mrs Johnston plans to create a Go Fund page for donations and they will make it a fun event for the children on the day.

Mrs Steel saying that sadly our former member of staff Mrs Peck passed away in the Easter holidays. Mrs Steel attended the funeral service and the family are raising money for Pancreatic Cancer. Mrs Steel saying they are thinking of doing a dress in a colour etc type day with a £1 donation to allow the school to donate to their fundraising.

Mrs Steel also saying that she has taken up the acting head teacher post at Mintlaw Primary. It’s becoming difficult to do both roles there and here as it has high needs and she has been asked by the council to do it full time. Mrs Steel saying she won’t be released from Maud until her position has been filled and it has been put out to the current staff team and there’s been quite a bit of interest! Mrs Steel saying she is sad to leave but it won’t be the last we have seen of her!

Shona asking if the Walk to Aden is going to be a sponsored event, Mrs McCue saying yes that is very much the plan at the moment.

Shona thanked everyone for attending.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 6th September 2023 @ 6.30pm – This will be the AGM so will be held in person in the school with a teams link aswell. All welcome**

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