

MPP Meeting

Thursday 8 Sept 2022 Minutes and Actions

Agenda Items

1. Present

Angela Stewart, Melanie Forsyth, Karen Wallace, Allison Niven, Iain Anderson, Lynne Brechin

2. Apologies

Cliff Bowen, Kirsty McCarroll, Laura Turner, Avril O'Dea

3. Appointment of Office Bearer Roles

- The following were re-appointed
 - Chairperson Melanie Forsyth
 - Vice Chair Cliff Bowen
- New Appointments
 - Iain Anderson as Treasurer

4. Food for Thought Update We were awarded £3,000 after submitting a proposal in June 2022.

The plan is to build planters for growing veg, buy equipment for the life skills room etc., for P3 & P4 classes initially prior to being rolled out across the school at various points throughout the academic year.

- MPP to approach parents who might be skilled in joinery and/or want to help build and maintain growing beds
- Ms. Feasby and MPP to attend a Teams meeting about funding access and claim process (these have been moved because of the Queen's funeral)
- School to approach local timber merchants to seek prices for timber (Iain would like to talk to a joiner about the timber he estimated for before we order everything, in case it is the wrong item)
- Iain to send Ms. Feasby a list of the timbers estimated for in the funding bid
- MPP to arrange tidy up and preparation of internal courtyard to accommodate some growing beds - ASAP
- Iain to measure internal courtyard to revise plan for locations of growing beds
- Iain to look at alternatives to the eco-garden poly-tunnel.
- Iain to look for other funding sources that might help with the purchase of soil for the growing beds
- Karen and MPP to talk with one of Karen's patients who might have spare soil in their allotment
- MPP to provide a monthly update for inclusion in school newsletter

5. Head Teacher Update

- Settling in Update
AS advised that this year has been challenging in terms of settling in the new P1's. There is a higher % of ASN children, resulting in SLT and support staff assisting in the infant years at numerous points throughout the day. Support staff vacancies means the recruitment of 2 x SFLA's will be advertised soon. Our PEF funded Inclusion Worker continues to focus support for identified parents and children.
- SIP – parental engagement

AS and MF met to discuss ideas for increasing Parental Engagement following COVID restrictions. The following are ideas / suggestions listed in this year's SIP (previously issued to MPP)

- ✓ Food for thought assistance from Parent forum
- ✓ Regular questionnaires / seeking feedback on areas of school improvement
- ✓ Parental workshops on literacy & numeracy / curriculum for excellence
 - Possibly at Nov in Person Parents evening as will have captive audience
- ✓ Drop In Friday Afternoon Coffee Sessions – calendar and themes to be arranged (MPP to ask for suggested themes e.g., help with grants etc. to each year group parent chat or in conversation with other parents.
- SIP – School Values
 - ✓ Email sent out to all parents on Thurs 15 Sept inviting participants to email Mrs Brodie direct if interested in being part of the Focus Group
- Communication
 - ✓ School email sent regarding a breakdown of the main methods of communication with home to families.
- MPP Notice board
 - ✓ MPP to update with new blurb and photos. MF to contact PTA for inclusion.
- Panto – whole school
 - ✓ The whole school will attend the Panto at The Falkirk Town Hall, with financial support from the PTA and MPP. MPP have agreed to donate £500.
- Garden Gang 😊
 - ✓ Help is needed ASAP to tidy the quadrangle as mentioned in FFT Point 4.

6. AOB

- The school is looking for two helpers to assist regularly in the School Library. Once a week. Perhaps a Grandparent with time on their hands? All books need checking in and out etc., as no other staff have time to do this.
- Three spaces remain on MPP committee if members hear of anyone interested in joining.

7. Date of Next meeting

- Tuesday 1st November at 6pm.