

MPP Meeting
Monday 4th September 23
Minutes / Notes

1. Welcome / In attendance
Melanie Forsyth, Lynne Brechin,
Allison Niven, Iain Anderson, Angela
Stewart
2. Apologies
Kirsty McCarroll, Avril O'Dea

(Karen Wallace and Cliff Bowen have
stepped down from the committee due
to work commitments)
3. Review of MPP Purpose
 - a. To start with MF shared a paper for discussion looking at reflective questions / back to basics or what the MPP is / is not doing. The purpose is to look at our current practices and set plans for going forward. An in-depth questionnaire will be carried out by MPP members prior to the next meeting. Discussion also took place on Parental Engagement Challenges and possible solutions in partnership with Moray PS / SIP Priorities. We also discussed the option of choosing 2 parents from each primary year and invite / ask them to join – Mrs S to talk with SLT on their thoughts.
 - b. Office bearer roles were appointed and agreed as
 1. Chair – Mel Forsyth
 2. Vice Chair – Allison Niven
 3. Treasurer – Iain Anderson
4. Food for Thought Update
 - a. Mrs Feasby is organising with the school gardeners for soil to be bought and for the planters to be filled. Prior to this the planters need to be lined and / or painted.
 - b. Iain updated that more liner was required as the planters are now a different size – Iain to inform Angela ASAP on how much extra we need to order
 - c. Allison N said she might have a contact re liner / paint
 - d. Mrs Feasby to provide a complete list of all equipment / materials purchased to date
 - e. Life skills room to be cleared out and restocked to incorporate learning opps for the kids / to use / cook the FFT produce grown in the planters etc. Work was carried out over the summer by school staff however a list of what is

missing / required should be compiled and shared with MPP for fundraising and / or financial assistance.

- f. Allison N will speak to Iain Mitchell re funding for what we still need to buy – could be gardening equipment / seeds & plants etc
- g. The plan is for the planters to be ready / prepped and filled with soil by the October school holidays

5. Head Teacher Update

- a. **SIP – Priority Areas** (How, Timescales and Measures all documented in the SIP 23-24. – summary provided below) MPP will engage with many areas of the SIP over the session 23-24 -
 - 1. Learning Teaching & Assessment
 - To develop a clear overall curricular rationale for Moray
 - LTA cycle overview relevant to Moray PS
 - Develop Medium Term Plans
 - Develop overview for LTA for CfE areas and ASN and develop a clear rationale and framework for assessment.
 - 2. Literacy - Writing & Reading
 - To continue to build on developing practice around writing pedagogy to support the learning and teaching of writing, improve attainment outcomes and engagement in writing.
 - Consider LTA cycle for CfE area writing
 - Build a culture for Reading for Enjoyment
 - Capture ongoing practices and pedagogy in reading
 - Increase pupils skills and ability in reading in First Level CfE
 - 3. Parental Engagement
 - To build upon parental engagement in the life and work of the school
 - Increase parents understanding of learning and teaching in CfE and involve parents in supporting their child's learning and progress
- b. **School Values** – The school consulted on a new motto – and the favourite phrase was 'Together we Grow', A full parent consultation will be sent out mid Sept on the new Logo idea / design along with a presentation on the background of the new design and how the school can use the brand / theme moving forward. Results to be fed back at next meeting.
- c. **Celebrating Achievements** – the school will begin to encourage parents / carers to share 'out of school' personal achievements. These will be shared monthly by school captains at assemblies. Parents will be encouraged to

email photos and info. Twitter will be used minimally for the time being until clarification of ethos / guidelines.

- d. The school has bought an additional seesaw licence which will allow achievements to follow the child throughout the school year groups.
 - e. 'Let's get Together' Dates
 - 1. Friday Oct 27th – School Nurse
 - 2. Fri Dec 1st - Monday advice Drop in – Employment & Training Unit
 - 3. Fri Jan 26th – TBC
 - 4. Fri Feb 23rd – Kirsty – Health & Wellbeing
 - 5. Fri Apr 26th - TBC
 - 6. Fri May 24th - TBC
 - f. Curricular Event Dates
 - 1. Wed 4th Oct – 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Curriculum for Excellence Information Session
 - 2. Thurs 2nd Nov – 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Reading / Literacy workshop
 - g. Janitors – the school now has 2 janitors –splitting the week – and the improvement in the school grounds and building has been very noticeable. All staff are delighted.
 - h. Sharing the Learning – emails will be sent home every term specific to each class. Stay and Play / Meet The teacher events are also planned.
 - i. MPP Presence – Mrs S looking for MPP attendance at most of the planned curricular events – including Parents Nights etc. Volunteers required.
 - j. Galaday 2024- this year is Moray for Queen from P6. Mrs S will be looking for lots of help from Easter '24 onwards.
6. Funding - New stage curtains are required for the stage. Perhaps a Performing Arts Grant could be sourced?
7. No AOB
8. Date of Next meeting – was agreed as Monday 30th October.