

Friends of Portlethen Primary School

Meeting Minutes from 17 May 2017

Present: Sarah Ewen –Chair (SE)
Wendy Murray – Vice Chair (WM)
Ilka Win – Secretary (IW)
Sandra McKechnie – Acting Head Teacher (SM)
Laura Watson - Acting Deputy Head (LW)
Douglas Bruce - Deputy Head (DB)
Eilish Bremner – P1/2 Teacher
Elaine Cowan – P6/7 Teacher
Fiona Brown – Parent (FB)
Inez Simpson – Grandparent (IS)

Apologies: John McGungle – Treasurer

Agreed Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes from last meeting on 8th March at 6pm were not recorded.

Matters Arising and Review of Recent Events:

1. Spring Fayre

A successful Spring Fayre was held on 6 May 2017.

The group felt that it was time for a change of the event and discussed how to refresh the next fayre. The following suggestions were made:

- Time change to afternoon or evening
- A Friday or Saturday would suit parents potentially better as most kid's activities are on in the morning/noon.
- To erect a suggestion box for what parents want at the Faye. Questionnaire in school to ask children what they would enjoy and want.
- An alcohol tent. Maybe the owner of the Neuk would come along to organise a tap?
- A combination of Slip and Slide event with Fayre together.

It was noted that the raffle, BBQ, bottle and chocolate and toys stalls made the most money for school while the bouncy castle this year made very little income (£9.50) – despite that it was already hired at a reduced price. The Community Centre bouncy

castle was used in the past and it was suggested to use it again to keep prices down and increase income in the future.

Potential future Events:

1. On 22 June the P7 show 'School of Rock' will be on. Nursery and P1 will attend the show together.
2. End of term disco on 28 June. A beach party theme was agreed.

Last year the P7 caused trouble during the disco. SM was not happy with the behaviour and the aftermath of it. There was noise and disgraceful in the car park. A similar behaviour was witnessed during the Halloween disco with kids running around the school building outside. The potential of this happening again at the end of term disco was seen too high. It was therefore agreed that P7 had already plenty end of year events to look forward to and that they will not receive an invite to the disco this year.

The tuck shop format at disco was reviewed. Too many children spend their most of time in the tuck shop instead of dancing at the disco. EB suggested that a rota of classes should be introduced with each class being allocated a slot. An alternative could be wrist bands which can be removed once the child attended the shop.

The scheduled times are

Disco 1. Pre-school and P1.	5pm-6pm
Disco 2. P2 and P3.	6.15pm-7.15pm
Disco 3. P4, P5 and _6.	7.30pm-8:45pm

3. PIP are having their last event on 25 June 'Slip and Slide Play Day'. It was commented that many are looking forward for the staff to join FoPP and that fundraising is done by one group only again.
4. Santa run is planned for 5, 6 and 7 December from 5:30pm onwards with four people per time slot. Last year it was very popular and raised over £400 for our school. WM pointed out that £50 for high-visible jacket, new buckets and a change of the sign was needed. Money raised through the run by Hillside, Fishermoss and PPS will be used to buy food for the Community Food Initiatives – North East (CFINE food bank).
5. Introduction meeting for P1 will take place on 1 June and 6 June at 6pm. Stalls should be available so parents have a chance to gather information. FoPP will have a stall to recruit new members to the group and raise awareness about our work. Letters will be sent out with packs beforehand.

6. WM will be cleaning out the basement. The basement cupboard is empty and can be used by FoPP in the future.
7. Spree books contacts are available and SE offered it to the school. This year the cards will be withheld so parents cannot activate the book before paying. This year nursery parents will have a chance to buy a book too.
8. Fundraising through Christmas cards will go ahead and be organised by IW again.

Funds to support School

1. SM asked for 30 iPads to be funded by the group. The value would be approximately £11,000. SE will get the Fayre money cleared up and let SM know what the current account balance is. SE noted that the Abernethy trip still needs to be paid for and a treat of £150 for P7s from FoPP will also be deducted.
2. The Panto 'Aladdin' is anticipated to take place on 12 December at the HMT.
3. The school is looking into sourcing soil and volunteers to help Mr Curby fill the high-raised beds which will be used to grow vegetables and herbs for school meals in the future.

**Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 7 September 2017 at 6pm
in the School Staffroom**