

MINUTES OF MEETING	
MEETING	Kinellar Parent Teacher Council Meeting (Term 3)
DATE OF MEETING	20 th January 2016
LOCATION	Kinellar Primary School
MINUTES BY	Catherine Brown (Vice Chairperson)
ATTENDEES	Irene Bryce (Chairperson), Catherine Brown (Vice Chairperson), Lynda Barnard (Treasurer), Pam Farquhar (Head Teacher), Ruth Stannard (Deputy Head), Katie Finch (Deputy Head), Marshia Peel, Kirsty Deans, Xania Aeacas, Laura Simpson, Lynne Greig, Uma Thankappan, Anna-Marie Pithie, Alastair Fleming, Lyndsay Cassie, Karen Simpson, Kevin Black, Colleen Black, Kris Findlay, Louise Allan, Karen Goodwin, Pauline Lawtie, Lesley Byrne, Deborah Moir, Jennifer Hawthorne, Karen McCann, Zoe James.
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Item	Comment	Action
1.	Irene Bryce welcomed everyone to the meeting and the agenda was handed out along with the minutes of the previous meeting to all attendees. Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Arlene Fortune and Linda Youngson.	N/A
2.	<p>IB passed on thanks from the school for all the parent and community help and support received after the fire.</p> <p>Just Giving crowd funding page setup by the Parent Teacher Council. Funds currently stand at £4,065 so there was an initial discussion on how this money could be spent. Mrs Farquhar suggested a steering group could be setup to represent people's ideas so that it gets spent correctly and that the children should also be consulted and involved in deciding. Attendees agreed.</p> <p>There was a concern raised by one of the parents that the Nursery would get forgotten about but the steering group would ensure that this would not be the case.</p> <p>Possible suggestions are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End of 2016 BBQ/Ceilidh/Picnic 2. Theatre group to visit the school. Positive feedback from other schools who had used the company but hard to get available dates. 	N/A

3.	<p><u>Parent Teacher Council Spending Review:</u></p> <p>Mrs Stannard advised that she had looked into the Oxford Owl further and spoken with the other staff members regarding the purchase of the paid subscription and they decided that the free part was fit for purpose and they used this a lot. The additional cost would not provide any real benefit to them as it provided a number of extras such as planning tools but the staff already managed this well themselves. The feeling was that the money could be better spent on something else.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the listening station had been lost in the fire so Mrs Stannard advised that there would be a replacement purchased for the P1 classes. This is not from Parent Teacher council funds though.</p> <p>Mrs Stannard gave a summary of Charanga music and how she felt this would be a more beneficial way for some of the funds to be spent. It is approximately £200 per year. It would be beneficial as it is hosted on-line so no CD's and manuals would get lost. Also, the school no longer have Mr Ross the specialist music teacher at the school and due to recruitment issues in the cluster due to non-permanent roles, Mrs Farquhar advised that it was unlikely that he would be replaced. However, did stress that there was still reliable supply teacher staff in the cluster.</p> <p>Further information on this resource can be found here:- http://charanga.com/site/musical-school/</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>RS/IB to allocate funds.</p>
4.	<p><u>School Class Representative:</u></p> <p>Linda Youngson advised that she would step down as P6 class representative due to other commitments.</p> <p>Miss Finch took an action to help find a P6 class representative replacement.</p>	KF
5.	<p><u>Current School & Nursery update:</u></p> <p><u>School</u></p> <p>Mrs Farquhar opened by saying how incredible the support from parents and the community has been and how much all the staff appreciated it.</p> <p>Lots of effort is being made to ensure the kid's get back into classrooms but recently there was a setback with the water. She also understood the situation with the lunches was not ideal however, the kids all seemed to be enjoying the novelty of packed lunches in the classroom. The lunches would be phased back over the next couple of weeks and staggered lunches were going to be put in place to ease congestion and they would tweak it as required due to the smaller children sometimes taking longer to eat their lunches but getting the balance right so they weren't eating too early and having a long afternoon before home time. However, the</p>	N/A

P1's were currently eating a snack in the afternoon.

Mrs Farquhar also advised that evening lets would start back shortly once the hall floor had gone back down and lightening and heating was in order.

Nursery

Mrs Farquhar informed the attendees that there had been a visit from the Early Years Manager recently and that the Community Hall for locating nursery was a temporary solution. It wasn't ideal for the nursery children and staff but security alarms had been purchased and fitted to the tops of the doors. Mrs Farquhar has also requested additional nursery staff to help.

The demolition of Nursery and P1 area was due to take place on Friday 15th January but due to recent weather it has been delayed. The work was put out to tender and the contractor had to be willing to start in a week. Not confirmed who will be doing the work but it could take 5-6 weeks (approximately).

It is hoped that the Nursery would go into a port-a-cabin along with a general purpose room/drama room/creative room but not confirmed. P1 would remain where they currently are as they have settled well. It was mentioned that the vinyl floors were a bit noisy so there will be some carpet tiles laid soon.

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE:

Next council meeting for the proposal of the new school to be held the week beginning 8th February 2016. Unsure as yet what format it will take but there would be a consultation period with parents and the wider community.

A few parents raised a suggestion of making the meetings on another night of a week as a lot of parents have work commitments on a Wednesday so it would be nice if they were alternative evenings and not always a Wednesday so other people could attend.

Kinellar Schoolhouse residents move house on Friday 22nd January.

If the demolition of the school goes ahead Mrs Farquhar felt that a lot of people had memories from the school and it would be fitting to mark the end of an era by holding a Ceilidh. Mrs Farquhar also mentioned a school open day for the community to have the opportunity to walk round the school and reminisce as she had been involved in a similar situation with Kintore primary moving from their old school to a new one and helped give closure to the children.

The Midmill school in Kintore is ahead of schedule.

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Class update (summary):

Letter issued to parents 20th January, titled 'Fire Update' with an update on the current situation following the fire. Key points from evening for

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each class are as follows;

P1 – Topic is ‘People who help us’. Visits arranged for Fire Brigade and Paramedics. P1’s are progressing well and teachers are building up their academic progress again as this was lost in the fire. Carpet tiles are being laid on the floor of the port-a-cabin as the vinyl is noisy.

P2 & P3 – Not affected logistically as they are still in their same classrooms. P3 start INCAS testing and P2 are due to start on 22nd of February. P2 topic for this term is ‘Day and Night’ and the plan is for a walk up Tappie Tower one evening. P3 are also doing outdoor learning and involved with the Eco garden.

P4 – Had a visit from Explorer learning group and were learning about Polar ice caps. Topic is flight and a trip to the airport is being arranged.

P5 – Have started work on their show and putting a lot of effort into it. As a result, Miss Finch asked that the Parent Teacher Council help promote it. It will be a ticketed event and they could perform over 2 nights instead of just the 1 evening. The event is for all families and the wider community to attend.

P6 – School trip to Lendrick Muir scheduled for 20th - 24th March 2017 and the P6’s will be starting Rugby next week.

<http://www.classroomoutdoors.org.uk/lendrick-muir/about-lendrick-muir/>

P7 – Assembly on 22nd Jan has been postponed. P7 School Trip to Lendrick Muir scheduled for 14th – 18th March 2016.

P6 & P7 had a visit from the Police and the topic was cyber-bullying and Miss Finch advised that it was about what was allowed and what wasn’t allowed on-line. The police officer said he was a friendly face now but if there was anyone who broke the rules he wouldn’t be so friendly the next time he visited. Important issues raised about the age of children with Facebook accounts, should not have one if under the age of 13!

School road safety campaign has been kicked off.

Community café has been postponed for now, school are waiting for the hall to be back up and running. School will update parents on dates of the next one.

Engineering week was a huge success and the feedback from parents was very positive as well as the professional who came to the school. The feedback given to Mrs Farquhar was that the children asked some very interesting and intelligent questions and were all well behaved.

REMINDER: All parents to drop children off at the gates and not wait in the playground as there can be a lot of people in the one area and the playground is becoming congested.

Scholastics Book Fayre:

Delivery of 6 boxes of books scheduled for 23rd February. To be

	<p>collected on 1st March 2016.</p> <p>It was suggested that the book fayre would run over 2 evenings. Volunteers required to assist with setup and sales</p> <p>World Book day token would be handed out in advance of book fayre so the children can put it towards a book.</p>	<p>Volunteers</p> <p>PF</p>
	<p><u>Christmas Raffle:</u></p> <p>Raised £1,493.00</p>	N/A
7.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Rotary will be having a function and funds raised will be split between Kinellar Primary school and local people affected by the recent floods.</p> <p>The Fire Service donate special bears to children affected by fires and they will be dropping some off at the school shortly. The Build a Bears have been named and are called, Harry, Duncan and Charlie.</p> <p>A parent raised a query regarding school pick up, it seemed to be earlier than last term with parents arriving at 3.15pm and the children already in the playground (P2). Mrs Stannard advised that this was the case but due to the logistics of getting classes out of the school it was a bit earlier but they were supervised until parents arrived.</p> <p>Rag Bag – container has been emptied and Scout jumble sale have offered any left over items of clothing to be put in after the sale. If the container doesn't have enough space a few of the parents will store the items in their garages until the container is empty but should be ok since it has recently been emptied.</p> <p>Pub car park – a parent mentioned that the Ley's hotel car park was getting used by drop off and pick up and there had been a wake on Thursday so spaces were limited. Parents just to be conscious that they aren't parking their cars there for a long period of time if there are spaces beside recycling bins or at the hall that are available or alternative is to walk if possible. Mrs Stannard suggested that parents could borrow the walk-a-dial which could help ease up congestion at the school gates. Suitable for up to P4 age group.</p> <p>Mrs Farquhar acknowledged that the support from the pub since the fire was appreciated and Cherry Tree children had been welcomed there when the floods affected them being able to return to Cherry Tree after school recently.</p> <p>A few parents advised that they were unable to sign up to the doodle poll for helping before and after school. Miss Finch said that an email could be sent to the school if people were able to help. New doodle poll links have been sent out 22-01-2016.</p> <p>A few parents asked if the kids could enter the classrooms a bit earlier</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>LG/CB</p> <p>All parents.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>KF</p> <p>PF</p>

	than 9am when it was heavy rain. Mrs Farquhar said she could request this of the teachers if this was to happen again but the staff were contracted to work from 9am.	
8.	Next meeting scheduled for 23 rd March 2016 at 7pm.	ALL