

Minute of Mile End Parent Council Meeting 14th May 2014 7pm

Present: Janet McRoberts (JM), Eleanor Sheppard (ES), Luke Halliday (LH, Chair), Frank Wahedally, Alex Nicoll (AN), Jonathan Scott, Julie Malhan, Euan Milne, Euan Esslemont

PTA REPORT & CONSTITUTION

PTA has a number of forthcoming events:

29th May – May Picnic

14th June – Jumble Sale

26th June – End of term disco

Subcommittee to be formed to look into PTA/PC Constitutions based on advice received from OSCR. LH to arrange over summer break.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT - ELEANOR SHEPPARD

No further news on the secondment, Head teachers in Aberdeen and Shire have been asked if they want to be seconded to Mile End, this presents further backfill issues. ES will send out more comms as and when available.

City Moves attended the school in May and worked with the P7's. This is being done in a handful of schools in Aberdeen.

The school was involved with an art competition with Belvidere Gallery.

P7's and room 14 are currently developing a commonwealth Garden.

P7's are taking part in a Learning Transition project as part of their link week for S1. The work involves a writing challenge and will continue into S1 next term.

Moira McIver ran a successful careers fair in May and thanks were given by the management staff. The feedback from children was extremely positive and most.

The lead for Science Education in Scotland is going to visit the school soon and the school will also be assessed on the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Gold standard.

All classes have been allocated a commonwealth country to represent during a performance week in June.

There are a number of staff members leaving this term but 2 probationers are staying on and two more probationers will be joining the school for the new session.

Waterstones in partnership with KPMG are running a reading partners scheme with the school involving 10 P3 pupils. As part of this project the school has received a budget of £100 to spend on books.

Classes for the new term are being reviewed daily with classes expected to be finalised and information distributed to parents the week before school closes.

TREASURER'S REPORT - EUAN MILNE (by email)

Suggestions are requested for items to spend the MEPC funds on. Supporting the Rwandan trip was proposed. AN will check with Sheila Sansbury on whether this is a valid use of PC funds.

It has been proposed that £500 of the funds should be used on the development of an App for the PC.

RAEDEN PLANNING APPLICATION - LUKE HALLIDAY

Proposal of Application Notice 140044 submitted by Dandarra

LH was in touch with the planning officer involved with the application but there has been no further response from Dandara.

The Dandarra development of the former Raeden school site is proposing to build 24 3 or 4 bedroom houses and 122 2 bedroom apartments. Planning permission has not yet been requested although a consultation process has taken place. It is believed that the plans as they stand will be rejected.

Planning officer: Tommy Hart, telephone 01224 523126, email tomhart@aberdeencity.gov.uk

EVENTS UPDATE - All

Global Citizen is joining the Unicef campaign to have primary education available for all children across the globe and also support the 'send my friend to school' campaign (<http://www.sendmyfriend.org/>)

Classes are giving a presentation to Anne Begg MP on 20th June (changed to Frank Doran MP)

FLOODLIGHTS UPDATE - ALEX NICOLL

No further progress reported but council have stated that they would prefer to target all astro pitches in Aberdeen at the same time.

MEPC OFFICE BEARERS & SUCCESSION - ALL

Alex Nicoll requested volunteers to take over attendance for the Termly and Parent Council forum once he leaves the parent council this summer.

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There was no other business.