

PORT OF MENTEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Small school BIG ideas

PARENT COUNCIL - in partnership with teachers and community

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19:15 6th September 2016

Any queries please contact the school, email pofmenps@stirling.gov.uk 01877 385 225
or Parent Council chair, Clare Messer clare@wendyhouse.uk.com

PRESENT

David Scott (Head Teacher)
Clare Messer (Chair)
Lorna McGuire (Secretary)
Margaret Young
Debbie Burnett
Kaye Clarke
Helen Bain
Hugo Struthers

APOLOGIES

Stewart Thomas (Vice Chair)
Grant East (Treasurer)
Peter Stewart

All parents/carers are welcome at these meetings. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 19:15, agenda suggestions to Clare Messer or the school.

AGM

This has been postponed until the next meeting on the 25th October.

Personal Projects

There had/had been some confusion around the Personal Passion Projects, if you have any queries regarding the projects please make time to speak with your child's class teacher. The projects are class based which can be continued at home if you/your child would like, they are not intended as a solely home project.

The projects are intended to encourage the children to develop their own learning styles, taking ownership of their learning to gain new knowledge, skills and understandings in an area they are passionate about that is meaningful to them. Basically to think outside the box and see what they find along the way

Homework

The subject was raised by a parent/s as to the possibility of no homework being issued in the final summer term. Whilst this is not on the school's agenda a questionnaire will be sent to all parents and the results collated for the next meeting on the 25th October.

Breakfast club

Mr Scott raised the idea of having a breakfast club available at school and wondered if there would be a need/uptake for it. The club would be daily from 8am and the cost would be approx £3 per child which includes breakfast! If this is something that a number of parents would be interested in using then the next step would be to form steering group to apply for the set-up grant etc - Gartmore school currently offer a breakfast club so they have potential information that could help in the set-up. Mr Scott may have someone that would lead the actual breakfast club sessions. If this is a potential service you would be interested in please could you indicate this to Mr Scott and/or come to the next meeting.

IT

Mr Scott raised the issue regarding the class projectors and iPads. The vision is to have an iPad available to every child in school. We currently have 5 so a few more are needed! If anyone knows

of or would be a potential beneficiary who would like to donate any iPads or a monetary donation please could you contact Mr Scott. Also, the current projectors are old and new/replacement parts are no longer available for them so will need to be replaced in the not too distant future. Lorna McGuire is looking into potential grants that we would qualify for but if anyone has else has any leads/ideas for funding please could they let Lorna and/or Mr Scott aware - thank you!

After school IT Club

Mr Scott has applied to Barefoot computing for a volunteer to run an after school club in coding - we'll keep you updated on the outcome.

Garden project

During the summer holidays we had a site visit from Sue Wyllie of Greenspace Scotland. During the visit Lorna explained how alternative construction materials had been suggested for the amphitheatre and paths to minimise the maintenance but these would considerably increase our costs. Sue explained that she didn't think it would be a problem as long as we continued with the essence of the project. We have since put the revised plan to Tesco/Groundworks which have been approved so we can now continue discussion with our landscaper so hopefully works will start in the not too distant future.

Film night

We are potentially looking to hold a film night at Gartmore village hall on either the 30th September or the 14th October - please could give your suggested film titles to Clare please so we can arrange the evening.

School bus

The question of the children being left un-supervised was raised. There are usually members of staff on the premises when the bus drops off but Mrs Millar doesn't not start until 9am. This issue must be raised with the bus company to ensure an adult is on the premises before they leave the children. All queries should be made to Stuart Hall of Trossachs cabs on 07791598925.

Standards and Quality Report

Mr Scott briefly talked through the report which you should have all now received, any queries please contact the school