

MULBUIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Committee Meeting – Thursday 13th May – Microsoft Teams

Present: Mr. A. McCallum-McKay (AMM), Mrs. S. Bilsland (SB), Ben Soffe (BS), Nicola Wojtunik (NW)

Apologies: Coreen Maclean

1. Previous matters

- AMM confirmed that he has purchased the new school App – staff were given some basic training during the recent in-service day, and it should be ready to ‘go live’ just before, or after, the summer break. There is a lot of work involved in collating all of the relevant information.
- NW confirmed that she thanked Gwen on behalf of PC.

2. Head teacher update

Mulbuie hall car park

AMM thanked the hall committee for their support during the recent construction work. Everyone is relieved that the blue containers have now been removed, so there is more space for parking at drop-off and pick-up times.

Completion of works

There is still some work to be carried out on the road signage at the front of the school. This should be carried out during the summer break, so the road works should not interfere with school traffic.

Playground

The Astroturf section of the playground is now complete; the children are thoroughly enjoying their new space.

The pitch will be seeded during the summer break; fencing will be completed; and some more bark added to the grounds. (AMM will keep parents/carers updated on this).

It is hoped that as we move down tiers, the ‘class bubbles’ may be removed so all of the children can mix in the playground.

Olympic themed Sports Day

Staff are delighted that they can now host a Sports Day for the children – a mini Olympic Games. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to attend, but plenty of photographs and videos will be uploaded to the blog.

Daily Mile

All children in nursery-p7 are being encouraged to take part in the ‘Daily Mile’ with their teacher. One mile = 16 circuits of the playground 😊

Nursery transition

Transition sessions for children moving up to P1 are allowed to take place - the necessary risk assessment has been carried out. Staff will take a video of the P1 classroom and share it with parents.

P7 transition to Dingwall Academy

Children in P7 will be offered two transition activity days at Fairburn Activity Centre on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June. They will be joined by other p7 pupils from Marybank, Strathgarve, Strathconon and Kiltearn schools. The cost for this is £25 per day, per child. The overall cost will be met by a donation from Parent Council, a contribution from the school and a parental contribution.

The Outward Bound Trust will host a morning transition activity at Tarradale Primary for P7s. Letters will be sent home to parents when details are confirmed.

Wild & Free Sessions

It is hoped that some ‘Wild & Free’ sessions can begin again at Ferintosh, under the supervision of Mrs. Stevenson. There are a number of children whom will benefit from this small group, outdoor setting. It is hoped that as we move down the tier system, more children will be able to participate across the cluster schools.

Parking – bus zone

Parents are kindly reminded not to use the new ‘bus zone’ for parking while dropping off or picking up children at the front of the school.

School reports

Reports are expected to be ready for the second week in June – the report will be in a simplified format.

Additional inset day

As advised in the recent letter from Highland Council, Monday 7th June is now an inset day for staff.

3. **AOB**

School gate

BS asked what time the school gate is unlocked in the morning. SB confirmed that it is opened at 8.30am. Parents are reminded that there is no supervision in the playground before 9am.

Dress down days

Previously, pupils were expected to pay £1 to ‘dress down’ on the first Friday of every month. At one time, the money collected was given to charity, but more recently had been collected for school funds.

BS suggested that we clarify if there is to be a cost for this in the future. AMM will discuss with staff and provide clarification to parents (**Action 1**).

Update- We will continue to ask for £1 max donation per family. The money raised will go towards a charity of the pupil’s choice. Each month, the pupils will choose a different charity.

Fairburn Activity Days – p7s

BS and NW agreed that it would be a nice gesture for PC to cover the cost of one of the activity days - £25 per child. BS will check the bank balance and confirm this contribution with AMM (**Action 2**).

AGM & recruitment of new members

BS and NW would like to recruit some new members for PC. The post of Treasurer remains unfilled, and we need to arrange an AGM. It was agreed that this is something we should address after the summer break, hopefully by then, we can meet in person.

Ref	Action	Who	When	Status
1	Discuss the £1 charge for ‘Dress Down’ days with staff.	Mr. McCallum-McKay	13 th May 21	Ongoing
2	Check bank balance and confirm PC contribution	Ben Soffe	13 th May 21	Ongoing

	with AMM.			
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Next meeting – tbc – first term 2021/22