RSA minutes of meeting

29th of September 2021

Present: Mrs Sargeant, Kaz, Mandy, Jan, Yori, Emma, Julie, Tracy, Ryan, Sarah, Esther.

Apologies: Lynsey, Sarah Mitchell.

1. Welcome – Esther on behalf of Sarah. Apologies given for those unable to attend.
2. Read through/summary of previous minutes from last AGM. All agreed.
3. Members – as posts were agreed for two-year term Sarah and Kaz are happy to continue as Chair and Treasurer. Esther asked if anyone willing to take over as secretary but as there were no takers she will continue in post. It was agreed that members of the RSA will help out as required to lighten the load. This will allow the office bearers to continue as they are doing. All current members are happy to remain on the committee.
4. Financial statement – Kaz gave an update on the balance at present. We have £5,400 in the bank which is up £200 from last year. There are applications available for the Windfarm if we would like to apply for funding for any projects. Sarah thanked Kaz for all her hard work over the last year. Kaz reminded us that there is still an issue with getting match funding released from school accounts. This is now with the Ombudsman and Mrs Sargeant has done everything she can to sort this out. It also impacts on the school being able to access funds. There was debate on whether it is worthwhile getting the RSA registered as a charity. This is something that we need to decide if it is worthwhile pursuing.
5. Mrs Sargeant gave her update. Will attach it separately – see next page.
6. Emma gave a nursery update. Will obtain and attach it separately.
7. Laptops – issues with supply of laptops worldwide if going through school channels for procurement. Exploring if possible to buy these from another source but would need to be configured by Moray Council IT department. No further forward on this matter. Mrs Sargeant has been trying every avenue possible to get these laptops and really needs them in school.
8. School fundraiser – the school wish to run the hamper and Christmas card fundraising this year. RSA agreed this was alright with them. RSA will abstain from fundraising around this time.
9. Playground – further meeting to discuss fundraising options. Yori will give us details of funds we may be able to apply to. This is a larger project.
10. P7 hoodies – RSA will pay for these from now on as well as calculators.
11. Text service – this was reviewed and the RSA are happy to continue to pay this.
12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 10th of November at 6.30 pm.

Head Teacher Report to RSA AGM Wednesday 29th September 2021

Thank you to all parents and carers in their continued support of our school.

Since the last RSA meeting the school continues to be a happy and busy place full of smiley children and staff.

- This year - 5 classes and a new teacher Mrs Kelshaw who has settled well into our school.
- P1 – P3 & P 4 – P7 play together outdoors at break and lunch – children enjoying mixing in larger groups outdoors.
- P1 – P3 & P4 – P7 Together Time on Fridays
- All classes enjoyed their Bike Skill session with Outfit Moray who will return next year to deliver Bikeability 1 and 2 programmes to P5 – P7
- All classes have recorded a segment for the KCR radio slot and linked to our celebration of World Day of Peace, to be broadcast on Monday 4th October.
- House Captain elections are happening in the next two weeks and the results will be shared before the holidays.
- P1/2 and Nursery have enjoyed 3 Drum Fun sessions as part of the Early Years Project. P2/3 had a drumming session last week. Hoping to book Steve for all classes later in the school year (funds permitting).
- Teachers are in the middle of parent telephone appointments – hopefully next year we will be able to have face-to face – sit down meetings.
- School Fleeces have all been washed and dried and are ready to be re-allocated to all our pupils in readiness for the cooler weather.
- We welcome Doug Mearns as our new janitor.
- Staffing Changes:
  - Miss McNab is leaving us at the October Holidays as PE Specialist.
  - Mrs Mitchell will return on Wednesdays after the holidays to cover PE.
  - Mrs Shortreed will be joining us on a Monday to teach PE initially but may also teach other curricular areas in discussion with the class teachers.
  - Miss Main who has been in P2/3 and P1/2 since August is taking up a fulltime post in Aberlour Primary – we wish her all the best.
  - Mrs Christine Jackson will return to support the P2/3 class
  - Mrs Ashley Miller will join us to support the P1/2 class one afternoon a week.

- ❖ Two PSA posts – long-term temporary posts (14.5 & 10 hours) interviews will be next week and hopefully successful applicants will begin after the October Holidays (PVG and ref pending)

Fundraising

As you are all aware the school's biggest fundraiser is usually the Christmas show and raffles – this money usually ensures we have enough in our school fund to support the learning and experiences of all the children in school…. including – licences for software, visitors/companies to classes, day trips out, replacing resources as well as buying new…… This year we are hoping that we, as the school, can set up and run a raffle in the next few months to allow us to add much needed monies into our school fund.

Laptops

After months of chasing the order and being told it was being processed we finally had an email to say there is a world wide shortage of microchips and laptops cannot be supplied currently.

I have asked IT if I am able to source my own laptops, in light of this latest news, and hopefully see if IT to set them up – I am still awaiting an answer.

Playground

All children have participated in class discussions about their playground. Things they like, things they wish to keep and things they wished to change.

Could the RSA support a major refurbishment of the playground? Apply for Grants. I know that being Moray Council property is sometimes an issue but the Playpark Committee may be able to give us ideas of how they managed to secure so much funding.

Main thoughts from the children:

- Removal of mini park
- Upgrade bike shelter
- Repair shelter roof (children wish to repaint the under the sea shelter)
- Resurface poor areas
- New fences around the paddock and playground
- New equipment – climbing areas,
- New benches