**MINUTES OF FISHERMOSS PSC GENERAL MEETING**

**27th March 2019**

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| **Attendees**: | Darren Robertson (DR)  Kirsty Dundas (KD)  Nicola Cameron (NC)  Allan Denny (AD)  Shona Bloice (SBL)  Heather Shepherd (HS)  Margaret Ferguson (MF)  Susan Bryson (SB) | **Apologies**: | Zarina Dogra (ZD)  Michelle Murphy (MM)  Carolyn Harrison (CH)  David Wilkins (DW)  Angela Purves (AP)  Claire Alexander (CA Vicki Tait (VT)  Lisa Jamieson (LJ)  Nicole Robertson (NR)  Lesley Robertson (LR)  Allyson Miller (AM)  Hazel Willox (HW)  Paula Stewart (PS) |

| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** | **Action Date** |
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| **1.** | **Welcome (AD)** |  |  |
|  | Allan opened the meeting and welcomed/thanked everyone, thanked those that attended, which was enough to make meeting quorate. |  |  |
| **2.** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting (AD)** |  |  |
|  | Previous AGM Minutes from meeting of 26th February 2019 were agreed and signed. |  |  |
| **3.** | **Head Teacher’s Report (MF)** |  |  |
|  | 1. Pupil Council report back on Well-Being Wednesday and various developments in regards, possible introduction of an award scheme for healthy eating and 5-a-day. Possible move away from just Wednesdays with 1,3 and 5 day a week , discussed home v school input into healthy lifestyles. Issues raised re policing scheme. MF happy to trial suggestions. 2. MF notified on current consultation by Aberdeenshire Council on School Holidays, parents views can be presented through Aberdeenshire Council website and survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TN2JMV9>. This survey covers school terms from 2020-2025, closes on 6th May 2019 3. MF wished to note thanks to the 2 Interim Deputy Heads that covered the school over the past year, Mrs Young and Mrs Sproull-Brown, who have both moved on to other roles, with Mrs Young Staying at the School and Mrs Sproull Brown resigning for another role. 4. School Fence issue has not been resolved, and it was requested that the boards were to be removed as there was no funding available to repair the fence and the boards caused more issues than they resolved. Due to soil erosion Aberdeenshire Council intimated that it would not be financially cost effective to repair. . 5. Issues raised regarding pupils climbing trees external to School and the risk it posed to pupils and public. It was decided that Robertsons’ were to be approached to advise on actions to be taken and that pupils would be spoken to at assemblies to attempt to address the issues. 6. A Discussion took place on National Charity Events held within the School, which will continue to be supported by the School. 7. The issue re School Patrol Operator was raised again among other things including parking restrictions/awareness around the school. An email was to be sent to parents requesting support. 8. Requests for Funding;   Funding requested for Active Schools at a cost of £414, this was approved.  Funding for 2 wooden PE benches at a cost of £230 each was requested and following a discussion this was approved, MF and AD discussed issues regarding this and AD had raised the issue that it was his belief that the PSC raised funds primarily to improve access to facilities not provided by Aberdeenshire Council budgets.  Funding requested for the School Library for £120 was approved. |  |  |
| **4.** | **Parent Council Chair Report** |  |  |
|  | AD reported back that there were a number of Parent Council Chair meetings organised for the region over the past month which had to be cancelled due to lack of attendance and support, with only 1 going ahead at time of meeting in Meethill School at Peterhead. Parent Council meetings are difficult to get buy-in from most areas, an issue that Aberdeenshire Council are trying to address.  Connect Scotland, the organisation which is now responsible for Parent Councils across Scotland has a number of resources and information available for Parents and can be accessed through <https://connect.scot/> where parents can register and access the surveys and resource packs. |  |  |
| **4.** | **Treasurer Report (NC)** |  |  |
|  | NC confirmed £11,129 in the bank (£3950 restricted for playground markings) so £7.179 available.  There were issues/queries raised regarding income/expenditure reports and requirements and a discussion held, DR raised queries over particular items. Transfer of PC Bank Account still required to be resolved. | **NC** |  |
| **5.** | **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes** |  |  |
|  | 1. DR reported back on Funbox event, which performed well considering the competition from Disney on Ice and should realise a net profit of £2030 for PSC Funds 2. Dons Day Out will not be taking place this term due to lack of available matches. 3. Austerity Funding, MF felt that although the sentiments behind the concept were valid, it would be difficult to manage and may cause offence. It was made aware that there are various organisations that could be signposted for Parents and that this was an issue that could not be managed within the school remit. | **DR** |  |
| **6.** | **Event Planning** |  |  |
|  | Due to number of apologies, a full update on event planning was unavailable.  AD confirmed Syd Jaffery has booked the pipe band to attend the Spring Fayre.  Pancakes and rolls have been organised by DR through Warburtons. These will be collected on the day.  Raffles to be sent out with children – 1 book per child with a note to send any requests/money for more marked for the attention of the PSC. Raffle Books to be printed on receipt of prize list.  DR confirmed Banners were in storage and Bunting  will be donated by DR.  Portacabin will be emptied during Mid-term break.  DR asked the availability of Teachers to help support Spring Fayre as there were a number of volunteers required to man stalls etc. Mrs Bloice again has volunteered for the Soak the teacher Stall. MF advised that she will be in attendance with others and that staff members are already committing to other events within the school such as parent consultations etc. |  |  |
| **7.** | **PSC Secretary Vacancy** |  |  |
|  | 1. There were still no volunteers for the role of PSC Secretary, |  |  |
| **8.** | **AOB** |  |  |
|  | 1. DR confirmed that the Daily Mile markings have been fixed. 2. NC advised that she had approached someone to audit the PSC accounts, it was advised that this was to be discussed fully and that no commitment was to be made on who was to audit accounts at this time. |  |  |

**Date, Time and Location of next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 25th April 2019, 7pm, Fishermoss School Staffroom.**