

Machanhill Parent Council Meeting held on 27 August 2025.

- Present: Sharon McCallum, Stephen Shields, Ricky Hutton, Lynn Hunter, Barry Brownlie, Emma Mackie, Emma Jay, Lindsay Singh, Mrs. Boyle, and Mrs. Tallamy.
- Apologies: Emma Thomson, Ana Jornea, Vasile Jornea, Dawn Coffey, Tracy McCranor, Zoe Hughes, Sarah Semple, Yvonne Shields, and Lorraine Fleming.

Welcome

- Sharon opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Head Teachers Report

School Intake

- Mrs. Boyle advised that the school roll has increased by 14 pupils this year.
- The number of children in the school is now 356, with a further 48 in the Nursery, bringing the total to 404 children at Machanhill.

Parking

- HT is awaiting an update regarding the proposals put forward to improve the current car park layout.
- The new yellow Zig Zags at the front of the school appear to be having the desired affect with a decrease in the number of people parking there. However, this may in part be due to the current good weather, and parking issues now happening around the Miller Street entrance.
- P1 children leaving school via the Muga is also helping reduce the number of parents parking at the front of the school.
- Options to create a gate and access to and from the school lane side of the school are being looked into.

CCTV

- HT advised that the school is currently having their CCTV system updated.
- This will involve an increase in the number of cameras at the school with improved coverage of the school footprint.

Halloween Disco

- The school has decided to organise Halloween activities and disco during the school day instead of in the evening.
- This is due to various reasons including inappropriate behaviour from children, children trying to leave the disco unaccompanied and parents not collecting children.
- This will also allow for better supervision of the children.

PVG

- HT reminded PC that all members must have current PVG processed through the school
- This is due to the recent change in legislation and will impact on who is allowed to “work” at the school fayres going forward.
- PVG also allows PC members to help on classroom trips throughout the year.

School Trips

- HT thanked PC for the financial support in meeting costs in many of last years school trips.
- This allowed the costs to parents to be capped at £10 with the PC paying the amount above this figure.
- It was agreed that PC continue to do the same this school year.

McMillan Coffee Morning

- The school have organised an open day to coincide with a McMillan Coffee morning on Thursday 25th September.
- Details can be found on Parent Portal.

Agenda

School Security

- The issue of school security procedures and school lockdowns in particular was raised.
- HT advised that the school only plan and practice fire drills at present, and will update PC if changes are proposed.

Muga

- HT was pleased to advise that the school has been awarded £5000 from the Local Action Fund.
- This is earmarked for upgrading the surface of the Muga.
- As the upgrading costs are expected to be much more than this amount, HT will seek quotes and additional external funding to help cover the expected shortfall.

P7 Hoodies

- As discussed previously it is planned that this year's P7 hoodies will be funded by the parents.
- Also P7 parents will be able to make payments via the Parents Portal, allowing for a longer payment period.

Popcorn Maker

- A suggestion was made for PC to purchase a popcorn maker that can be used at school fayres and school events throughout the year.
- Yvonne is to provide costings to see if this is feasible and worthwhile.

Office Bearers

- Due to other commitments, Zoe (Treasurer) and Stephen (Secretary) have decided to step down from their roles now that their current 2 year tenure is coming to an end.
- PC members were encouraged to consider carrying out these roles going forward.
- One current member has expressed an interest in carrying out the Secretary's role.

P6 Swimming Lessons

- The changing facilities for the P6 swimming lessons was discussed .
- Some parents have questioned the availability of suitable changing facilities to allow greater privacy for the P6 pupils.
- HT advised that in the first instance any concerns should be raised with the class teacher.
- Discussion took place around privacy, the pupils changing bodies and the benefits of the swimming lessons.

School Choir

- HT agreed to ask Mrs. McAndrew if the school Choir can perform at the Summer Fayre.
- This would provide an extra opportunity for parents/carers to see the choir perform.

Important Dates

- The next Parent Council Meeting is the AGM and will be on Tuesday 23rd of September, at 6:30 pm.
- The meeting was closed by Sharon, who thanked everyone for their attendance.