

*Meeting Chair: Kirsty Robertson*

*Attendees: Alan/Mary/Sarah P/Tony/Vicky/Jackie/Sharon/ Mrs Chalmers/Mrs MacDonald/Fiona McLean*  
*Apologies: Mairi/Lorna/Sarah R*

*Agenda:*

- *Welcome*
- *Recognition*
- *Accounts Update*
- *Playground Plans*
- *Timezone Request*
- *School Uniform (Orders)*
- *Summer Family Fun Day*
- *Quiz Night*
- *AOB*

Minutes:

- **Welcome**

General welcome from Kirsty to all attendees.

- **Recognition**

Thanks to Sarah & Mrs Chalmers for there recent visits to schools & establishments to gather information, pricing etc. for new playground equipment.

- **Accounts Update**

The position of the PSA Bank account is as follows:

- Available Cash at present                      £4600.00 approx
- Allocated Spend                                      £1700.00
  
- Available balance                                      £2900.00

- **Playground Plans**

We have all been looking at lots of great ideas, the Pupil Council have also compiled a preferred list of equipment. Mrs Chalmers and Sarah have visited Airth Primary School, Shotts Prison & Pomont YOI. Shotts Prison can make buddy benches, storage tables, chalk boards etc. Their pricing is very reasonable and they have offered to pain and decorate if required. Polmont YOI can make planter boxes and a suggestion was that the school could run a design competition that they can decorate or the school pupils could organise once delivered.

**Action: Mrs Chalmers/Sarah to compile preferred list and sent to Shotts to obtain a quote.**

One of the agreed items to source was tyres, these can be decorated and used for various play activities.

**Action: Vicky to obtain 10 Bus tyres and Sharon to obtain car tyres. The school have agreed these can be stored initially around the back of school on grass area.**

Sarah provided a hand out on scooter bases from PlayM8 that could be considered for playground, they have these in other primary schools.

Another idea was to brighten up the back of the school area, one suggestion was to paint murals on external walls. The school would prefer that boards were used and these could be potentially secured to the bottom fence and would also act as a wind break.

**Action: Mrs Chalmers to trial this on 1 board and then discuss at next meeting.** If this is successful then each class in the school could paint their own board and eventually all would be joined together.

We also had invited along Gavin McDonald (joiner) who has offered his assistance in making various structures for the playground ie. Jolly Rodger boat (children could play in), benches, tables, storage units, blackboard structures etc.

Gavin requires access to playground to get dimensions of the various areas so that the PSA can make a decision on what they would like and where.

**Action: Kirsty to contact council to find out what the process/permissions are required to secure/move concrete or grass areas within playground.**

**Action: School to organise a time or provide Gavin with dimensions of area.**

#### • **Timezone Request**

At the previous PSA meeting we discussed the request from the Timezone to support them with a community grant they had received to build a playpark area at front of school. Mrs MacDonald met with councillors last week and the schools concerns re this project were discussed. Due to the position of this playpark area, overflow car park, HSE/Risk potential issues and the responsibility that the school could potential inherit it was decided that this was not a feasible venture.

Fiona ?? from the Timezone then explained an alternative option they are hoping with support from school, charitable funding and fundraising to install. The plan is to buy a wheel chair accessible roundabout that can be secure in the Timezone playground area. Their initial discussion with an external supplier has provided some early costs which are in the region of £7500 fully supplied & installed. One generous grandparent has already raised £500. This is a project that the PSA will consider between now and the next meeting.

#### • **School Uniform (Orders)**

There have been some questions from parents in regards to School Uniform orders in particularly the Kilt orders. The forms will be issued by end of next week and the plan is to organise a 2<sup>nd</sup> ordering phase after the summer holidays.

**Action: Alan to collate form and ask school to issue to children.**

#### • **Summer Family Fun Day – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

This is progressing and numerous stall holders have confirmed their attendance at the event. Police Scotland, Fire Service, Pet corner and many more.

**Action: Alan to confirm the Farmer market stalls are booked for this date.**

#### • **Quiz Night (Polmont Golf Club) – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

All in hand, advert was in Falkirk Herald on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, posters have also been placed in local businesses. The school will send out a flyer in the coming weeks. The price agreed is £5 pp with 6 members per team max. Donations will be required for the Raffle which will be run during the night.

**NEXT MEETING: 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 6.15pm in School Library**