



# James Hamilton Primary, Sgoil-Araich and Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh Parent Council

**Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Conference Room, William Mcilvanney Campus**

Agenda Item	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome/Present and Apologies – Laura McChristie</b></p> <p>LMCC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Laura McChristie, Lorraine Dougan, Miss Gorry, Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Lynsey Kerr, Nicola Haswell, Margaret Black, Lynsey Walker, Mr Swan, Cllr Graham Boyd, Cllr Barry Douglas and Cllr Neal Ingram</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Graham Barton, Lynsey Abercrombie, Lynsey Kerr, Louise Messer</p>	
<p><b>2. Parent Council Business</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>The dates for the session were agreed as follows, all 6.30pm in the conference room</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> February 2024</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> May 2024</p>	
<p><b>3. Head Teachers Update</b></p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	

<p><b>4. Topic – Eco Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The school presented on the work of the Eco Committee and the focus of learning for sustainability.</li> <li>- The school has achieved bronze level and is now going for silver level, lots of work is being done to achieve this</li> <li>- The work of the eco committee was explained and examples were given including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• energy saving tips,</li> <li>• promoting the Big Walk to promote active travel and our community</li> <li>• intergenerational event at Take a Bow</li> <li>• creating a 23/24 Action Plan</li> <li>• whole school litter pick</li> <li>• focus on EAC Clean Green</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The parent council thanked Miss Gorry for her presentation and put forward some ideas for the next steps in their journey. Mr Swan gave an update on the Clean Green journey and advised he was keeping it clear and accessible for pupils.</p>	
<p><b>4. AOCB - none</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 24</p>	

Monday 13th November 2023

This is a brief update given it is quite soon since our last meeting.

**Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update**

We recently had a local authority inspection. This went well. A brief over of the strengths and areas for development are as follows:

**Strengths**

- Meal times are nurturing and supportive
- Positive staff interactions with children
- Confident children in a supportive playroom environment
- Home-school communication

**Areas to work on**

- Continue with school improvement plan
- Administration tasks in line with new paper work linked to our unique setting
- Personal Plans developed in line with new templates being introduced in 2024

**JHP and SNCN update**

The Dean Park Project is going really well and children across stages 4 to 7 have been involved in this . The children have worked with The Cumnock Tryst , supported by Mrs Fraser. They have had the experience of working with world leading musicians and have created their own piece of music which they will perform at the opening of the Dean Castle. Tickets are available via the school app and are free.

Scottish Opera are working with P4 P5 and G4-7 children on a musical productions linked to Learning for Sustainability. The performance will be in the Grand Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and tickets are free available via the school app.

**Pupil Equity Fund Update**

The PEF money has now been allocated for spending this year.

**School Budget Update**

This year's budget is spent

**School Fund Update**

£5624.37

(£3000 of this is ring fenced to subsidise a school trip for each child across the school year)

**AOCB:**

None

**End of report**