



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

Minutes – 4th February 2025

Conference Room, William Mcilvanney Campus

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome/Present and Apologies – Laura McChristie</p> <p>LMCC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Attendees: Laura McChristie, Lynsey Abercrombie, Lynsey Kerr Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Nicola Haswell, Cllr Graham Boyd, Margaret Black</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Graham Barton, Cllr Barry Douglas, Cllr Neal Ingram</p>	
<p>2. Parent Council Business</p> <p>We discussed the upcoming discos and the dates of these. Agreed to include the nursery kids again in the May one as they seem to enjoy it last year.</p> <p>We also discussed an Easter coffee morning – the school held one last year for Cash for Kids fundraising and the event was very well received. Potentially the last week before the Easter Hols, date to be confirmed.</p> <p>We then discussed the p1 induction and whether a parent council presence could be arranged for this – Mrs A to come back to us when needed.</p> <p>The fundraisers confirmed that school badges are available from the office and they will also be holding pop up stalls during June.</p> <p>LA provided a detailed update which is in Appendix 2</p>	
<p>3. Head Teachers Update</p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	

<p>4. Topic – NEST</p> <p>The school gave a short overview on NEST Ayrshire and the service being provided in school for neurodivergent pupils. Staff in school are using techniques in school to support pupils. LA advised that parent information sessions are being arranged for term 4.</p>	
<p>5. AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming lessons – Parents had questioned whether this was a permanent return and Mrs Abercrombie confirmed it was being funded by PEF rather than the authority so the school will need to await confirmation of what future funding is before committing. - EAC Budget – Cllr Boyd spoke about the EAC budget process and the challenges the authority is facing. He encouraged everyone to complete the form to give our views on the proposals and confirmed a decision would be taken by full Council in March. 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting: 17th March 2025</p>	



Appendix 1 – Head Teacher update

HT Parent Council Report

Monday 20th January 2025

Focus of meeting-

HWB- Celine from NEST (guest speaker)

Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update

We are now sitting at 16 pupils with our 2 ELCPs and 1 SA and are now at capacity. Successful trip to Stewart Travel in December. Kay Ross has been allocated to SA as our current Support Assistant. Kay's hours of work are Mon-Fri 9.30-1.30.

SNCN and JHP update

We have a busy term ahead with lots of things planned as follows:

- ECC to P1 transition events- Loop Project- on going
- Gaelic Tutors visiting P4-7 classes JHPS
- Kindness Café 14.1.25 (Focus- ICT support and HLW role)
- Dance Fest group, Mr Swan
- Scottish Poetry/Song Performance 29.1.25
- P1-3 Stay and Play 26.2.25
- Gaelic Ceilidh 27.2.25
- Report Cards, last week of Term 3

J Baldie-

Miss Baldie organised a successful reading cafe in November for P1-3 parents during Scottish Book Week. Children were issued with their Bookbug and Read/Write/Count bags and these were enjoyed with parents/carers. There was a national printing issue with one of the Gaelic books so this will be distributed in the future. Miss Baldie has no timeframe for this. This event wasn't as busy as previous years but it was a busy time of year with lots on for parents in school.

Miss Baldie is trying to organise some visits to the Dick Institute this term for some children where they would walk to/from and select some books on the school library card. Further information to follow.

Miss Baldie has been working behind the scenes to set up the after school lending library. This has been very labour intensive going back and forth with EA ICT due to strict GDPR rules when setting whole school

up on reading cloud platform. Miss Baldie put out a number of app notifications end Oct/beg Nov and she received 18 notes of interest from parents.

P1-3G 1 interested

P4-7G 1 interested

P1-4 JHPS 15 interested

P5-7 JHPS 1 interested

These parents have been lettered individually by Miss Baldie and have been invited to attend the after school lending library at the end of January. This will be used as a trial period in term 3 (fortnightly sessions) before offering it to the wider parent group in term 4. Miss Baldie will be supported by Mrs Mair and Mrs Wilson. Perhaps in term 4 there may be parents who could offer to support this.

L Paul-

STEM

Following on from our success in achieving our Digital Wellbeing Award in Term 1, both schools have now received further Digital Schools accreditations. Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh received the Digital School Award and James Hamilton Primary received the Digital Schools Endorsement Award for continuing our digital journey.

Applications for new Pupil Digital Leaders opened in January to P4-7 classes who do not currently have digital leaders. Once new recruits have been selected, our pupil digital leaders will meet at least once a month to explore functions within MS Teams that could be used within the classroom.

This term, staff will be completing training for 'Developing Mathematical Thinking - Exploring and Noticing' and 'Developing Mathematical Thinking - Working Systematically' as part of our work on developing pupil Problem Solving skills. All classes will then participate in problem solving activities related to the training.

J Fulton-

Numeracy

We are currently in the process of developing a fun and exciting way for pupils to learn their multiplication facts. We have established a pupil group to help with ideas of what this initiative will be called, and how it will be rolled out.

In due course, the pupil group would like to invite parents in to hear all about this project. Watch this space!!

J Easton-

Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh held the first pan-Ayrshire Gaelic event in December when our pupils performed in a Christmas concert alongside pupils from the Gaelic provision in North Ayrshire and Gaelic learners from South Ayrshire. The concert was covered by BBC ALBA and was a huge success. The authorities will continue to work together and develop partnerships. The boys and girls in P4-7 have entered a short film competition (Film G) and the film is now available online to watch and vote for, all votes are much appreciated!

<https://www.filmg.co.uk/filmichean/a0045/?lang=en>

L Stewart-

Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy Update

- Staff have completed a questionnaire about their thoughts suggestions for our behaviour policy.
- Parents/carers were given the chance online to complete the survey that Parent Council were given and there was only 2 responses. (Thank you to the 3 PC members who completed a survey after the last meeting)
- Pupils to be consulted this term and adaptations made in time for Term 4.
- Some staff are attending training sessions on Children's Behaviour.
- Parents will be notified of the updated policy in Term 4.

Respectme Anti Bullying – this is continually promoted through class lessons and assemblies. We didn't take part in Anti Bullying week but have chosen to promote this throughout the session.

Restorative Approaches - staff using this to deal with incidents within the school. Pupils' sessions to take place with S Swan during Term 3 and a group of Ambassadors to be created to help out in the playground.

RRS Gold award - Mrs MacDonald and Miss Reid are taking this forward. We have Right of the Month introduced at assemblies and a different class each week is collecting evidence for our RRS Floor book. Mrs MacDonald is attending training next week to help us to progress towards our Gold award.

To improve physical fitness and increase active opportunities for children - PE has been streamlined and all classes are team teaching the core skills on timetabled topics. This ensures high quality PE is delivered and that there is continuity across the school. Our staff have all agreed to take a 4 week afterschool club throughout the session to allow more pupils to have access to after school clubs. More playground resources are being purchased to allow pupils to have more things to play with during active sessions in the playground. All children take part in active assemblies weekly which involve walking, playground games, football and dance/fitness activities.

School Budget Update

JHPS £ 1400 left
SNCN £ 1617 left

School Fund Update

£8410 (£3000 still due in for Residential Trip)

Of this total the following is allocated:

-£5970 Residential Trip
-£1780 Residential Bus

AOCB:

- Swimming lessons- Hoping to use PEF funding to allow P5 to attend this session (Feb/Mar).

End of report

P.C Fundraising Team Update – PC Meeting 20 January 2025

No Jan Fundraising Meeting

EVENTS HELD (Nov & Dec):

Asda Bag Pack (16 Nov) - £415.60

Xmas Fayre (29 Nov) – £749.05 (less £151.91 expenses = £596.14 Net)

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2025....

Pending confirmation of dates from school to book rooms:

TBC February – School Disco – 19 or 20 Feb?

6 March – World Book Day

TBC mid March – pre-Easter Coffee morning similar to CfK? **Subject to school approval?**

End March – Easter Raffle (school finishes 4/4/25)

TBC April – Parents night

TBC May – Summer Disco (Inc. Nursery Movers) – 21 or 22 May?

6 June – Doughnut Day

TBC June - P1 Transition Event

Mid June – Pop Up Badge Stall

17 Sept – Community Family Fun Night TBC

EASY FUNDRAISING

– received £35.48 12/11/24. Overall raised £577.86 and so far £90.65 is due for next payment 11 Feb 25 with a further £138.62 still pending for future payment. Promote for folk booking holidays in coming months online.

PANTO

- 5 Dec - it was majority agreed at the main Parent Council meeting 5/6/24 that PC would support the Panto @ £1 per head - £405 paid to school 25/11/24

PURCHASES MADE IN LAST MONTH ()

- Family Fun night costs:
 - o KCST Fast Feet - £240 for 2 hours
 - o Laser Tag/Silent Disco £200 (£100 each)
- At 19/1/25 we have not received these invoices – confirmation rec'd we are not being invoiced.
- Xmas Fayre Supplies - £151.91 (Choc & Alcohol prizes to bulk up prizes)

PURCHASES MAJORITY AGREED AT FUNDRAISING MEETING (JAN 24):

- None

FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS UPDATE:

MARCH 24 – Trefoil – applied for £2900 WIN CONFIRMED 13/9/2024 PAYMENT RECEIVED – in course of liaising with Miss Gorry and spending monies (£225.10 left)

MAY 24 – EAC Renewable Energy Funding – applied 30/5/24 for £5913 for Sensory Garden/Outdoor Classroom – WIN CONFIRMED 6/9/2024 AWARD GRANTED (submit receipts to claim costs) – in course of liaising with Miss Gorry and spending monies (£2562.50 left)

MAY 24 - Corra Foundation – applied 8/5/24 for £3000 to support a library afterschool club for all ages and stages (per recent feedback from families). Funding would help purchase the Junior Librarian App/Scanner, locking mobile storage trolleys x 2 and new books. Miss Baldie leading. WIN CONFIRMED & £3,000 REC'D 27/6/2024. Supplies received (£26.39 left)

DEC 24 – Sensory Circuit Application - unsuccessful

JAN 25 - New Farm Participatory Budget – we have been anticipating since June 24 and only one project submission this year per T&Cs with £1000 max allocated to each project - project will be a spray paint artist for storage unit (designed by children). Application accepted and Voting event will be Wed 5th February 2025 at St Josephs and also online. We will liaise with school to promote.

OTHER NEXT STEPS:

- **AMEY** - Community Garden/School Visit Program - in discussions with AMEY to understand what they can offer on either a volunteering basis or delivery of educational sessions for primary children. LA emailed contact 31/5/24. They responded 11/7 to confirm they would be able to help but will revert once they have sorted funding/time/people. 21/10 Amey liaising to set up Teams Meeting to discuss. 17/1/25 AMEY request to visit school premises to discuss 22 Jan 2pm – visit confirmed and both PC and school will attend.
- Class Wish Lists – currently collating all requests via Mrs Abercrombie and will discuss at Fundraising Meeting Tues 4 Feb to ensure fair allocation across classes due to variance in value of requests.
- Mrs Abercrombie considering some legacy items i.e. boombox, disco light etc