



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

Minutes – 11th November 2024 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, Mrs Abercrombie, Lynsey Kerr, Margaret Black, Nicola Haswell, Miss Paul</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Graham Barton, Cllr Barry Douglas, Cllr Neal Ingram, Cllr Boyd, Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter</p>	
<p>2. Parent Council Business</p> <p>Topic discussion – Digital Maths</p> <p>Miss Paul discussed digital maths and what is happening in the school regarding this. She gave examples of how this is being used in the school and what the benefits are. The PC engaged with some ideas and gave their thoughts on what parents would like support with. Further information to follow on this topic.</p> <p>LA did not attend but provided the fundraising updates in appendix 2. We had a general discussion on the Xmas Fayre and what still required to be done.</p>	
<p>3. Head Teachers Update</p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	

4. AOCB – none	
Date of Next Meeting: TBC	



Appendix 1 – Head Teacher update

Monday 11th November 2024

Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update

We are now sitting at 14 pupils with our 2 ELCPs and 1 SA. We will welcome 2 new starts in January where we will then be at capacity. Preparing for our Ayrshire wide Christmas GME showcase event on Wednesday 11th December 10-11am in our Atrium Hall.

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
- Children in Need family walk and activities- 15/11/24
- Nativity rehearsals
- GME Christmas Event/Concert- 11/12/24
- GME Panto-2/12/24
- AAA Panto- 5/12/24
- Sing out for Hansel-6/12/24
- Christmas Dinner- 10/12/24
- Christmas Jumper Day- 13/12/24
- Christmas parties
- Church Service- 19/12/24

J Baldie-

Reading Cafe

Reading Cafe for P1-3 and P1-3G Thursday 21st November to link in with Scottish Book Week. This is when the children will be issued with the read, write, count bags and Bookbug bags. Communication has gone out on the school app.

Bookfair reward tokens

Class teachers have been redeeming the reward tokens from the bookfair earlier this year. **Disappointingly though, when schools redeem the vouchers earned they have to pay FULL PRICE for all the books, they don't qualify for all of the 'advertised offers'.** This has significantly reduced the number of books we have been able to purchase.

Lending Library

We had two parent volunteers come in and build the book trolleys. The new books have been delivered and we now have a stock of English and Gaelic books for the lending library. I am now trying to find the time to electronically catalogue all of the books. Nicola Haswell has offered to help so I will get back in touch with her. The lending library will run fortnightly following parent feedback via the app. Launch date tbc.

Writing Support

Gail Elder (EA Literacy Manager/QIO) is currently in twice weekly working with some Primary 7 pupils and staff to improve attainment levels in writing. We are very fortunate to have this valuable support.

L Paul-

STEM Update

JHPS and SnCN received the Digital Wellbeing Award offered under the Digital Schools Award at the end of term 1. The award aims to provide young people with the skills and confidence required to navigate the digital world. The award recognises our schools where digital wellbeing and cyber resilience and internet safety skills are being embedded strategically and in classroom practice across the school.

We have also been accepted onto the Microsoft Incubator programme where we will be developing our skills in using Office 365 tools.

J Fulton-

Numeracy

In Term 1, we were delighted to welcome parents/carers into classes to share our learning in Numeracy. We hope you enjoyed seeing what we are doing in class, and also enjoyed taking part in the activities offered by our Class Teachers.

Our next focus is to develop a fun and exciting way for pupils to learn their multiplication facts. The hope is that their enthusiasm and increased confidence using multiplication will filter through the Numeracy curriculum helping with division, fractions, and so on.

More information on this will follow in due course.

J Easton-

- All pupils in SnCN and SÀnCN are going to be presenting a Gaelic Christmas concert in partnership with North and South Ayrshire GME schools and Gaelic learners.
- Fèisean nan Gàidheal have performed a play and done a workshop with P4-7 pupils and will be visiting the school to perform their panto for the GME pupils, we will host Whitehirst Park GME pupils for this.
- Staff have implemented the grammar scheme that "Tog Gàidhlig" will be based on until the new resource is ready to be used.
- Staff in SÀnCN and SnCN are supporting learners to implement new language and vocabulary and providing opportunities to interact with children from other GME schools using Gaelic.
- Staff have started to source and organise Gaelic resources to use with pupils that have ASN in literacy and numeracy.
- Spòrs Gàidhlig are booked to visit at the end of the term 3 to work with pupils from SnCN and KA Gaelic dept. (This is dependent on appropriate staffing for Spòrs Gàidhlig)
- P4-7 are booked to visit Edinburgh as part of Edinburgh Gaelic Week
- Plans are being made to celebrate world Gaelic week throughout both schools.

K Gorry

- Haven
- There are currently 2 Nurture support groups running at The Haven. Four pupils attend in the morning, although there are additional pupils who attend on a Tuesday in place of Assembly. Eight pupils are being supported in the afternoons, with a maximum of 6 pupils attending at any one time.
- All pupils are working towards individual targets, while also working on HWB outcomes collectively. In addition, pupils in the morning group are given the opportunity to complete some of their Literacy and Numeracy work from class each day, as part of their session.
- There are also a number of pupils who attend The Haven for a supported break & lunch each day. All pupils who use The Haven are making positive progress.

- A selection of new sensory resources were purchased at the end of last session, from an allocation of Cash for Kids money. A significant number of new resources will soon be ordered using the trefoil grant money secured by the fundraisers. We are extremely grateful for their support in applying for this additional funding. This will have a positive impact on the social and emotional needs of all pupils who access The Haven. Planning for the new sensory garden in the courtyard is in the early stages. Again, we are so grateful for the huge amount of work that went into completing the application for this additional funding. Without this, our plans would have remained just that. Now, it's possible for them to become a reality, and we will have a fantastic new resource which will benefit pupils across the whole school - not just those who access The Haven.
- On Tuesday 12th November we are hosting a coffee and chat information session for parents and carers. Celine Dyer from NEST will be introducing the services on offer to support pupils with Neurodivergent conditions, and their families. We are looking to establish a Neurodiversity group for parents and carers as well as a pupil group; with a view to raising awareness amongst the wider school community, and making school events more Neurodivergent friendly.
- Community Garden
- The community garden has hit a bit of a stumbling block, as it has proved impossible to dig the ground there due to the amount of rubble and concrete underneath (even a digger could not properly break through the surface!) In time, the hope is that we will be able to create raised beds that can be filled with compost. There are still plans to decorate the storage containers with murals. We have had a quote of £2000 from graffiti artist James Sinclair. We will now seek funding to allow us to go ahead with that project.
- The pergola that was purchased with community grant money will be erected within the playground on the grassy area. If it was to be located in the community garden area, it is likely to be damaged as the area is not secured. We plan to divide up the large flowerbed area inside the playground, where the trees are planted, into sections to allow each stage to have their own mini garden, where they can grow plants, fruits and vegetables. Each stage will be responsible for designing, creating and maintaining their own garden. We will purchase raised troughs that can be incorporated into the gardens, using proceeds from the Rag Bag collection bin.

L Stewart

Respectme Anti-Bullying

Pupil Council and Steven Swan are continuing to move this forward in the school. Although we are not taking part in Anti-Bullying week – the anti-bullying message and lessons will be delivered to classes over the course of the session rather just one specific week.

Rights Respecting School

Mrs MacDonald and Miss Reid are in the process of making our action plan so we can move forward to achieve our Gold RRS award.

Positive Behaviour Policy

Staff and Pupils have been piloting our new PPB last session and then we evaluated this in Term4. Some adjustments have been made immediately. Teacher's felt that there needed to be a consequence for more serious behaviours. The Reflection Room has been introduced which is staffed by our PTs at break and lunchtime. Pupils spend time in the

Reflection Room instead of being in the playground for what are considered to be more serious behaviours. Parents are notified on the day that their child was in the room and the reason for it.

During Term 2 both pupils and parents will be asked for their views before we finalise our Policy. If parents would like to complete a short questionnaire tonight that would be fab.

Stay Period Protected

Promoted with pupils during RSHP lessons in Term 1/2. Pupils were given leaflets about this. Parent leaflets have gone out on the App. Still very little uptake from parents so we are looking at ways to try to improve this. Any ideas?

School Budget Update

JHPS £2000

SNCN £2200

** £560 over budget in janitorial supplies

School Fund Update

£10,933.12 (£393.12)

Of this total the following is allocated:

- £1600 Panto bus
- £1000 P7 hoodies
- £80 Bus (David)
- £500 Mastercard
- £400 Book Tokens
- £760 Disco PC
- £3000 Residential Trip
- £2400 After School Club
- £800 Christmas Craft for Fayre

AOCB:

- Swimming lessons- HT meeting, informed that there will be no more funded swimming lessons for school pupils. The expectation would be that schools would use PEF or CfK to fund this if they want them to continue in the future.
- Instrumental Services- HT meeting, informed that all instructors and the 1 teacher employed by EA will soon be transferring over to EA Leisure Trust. This will ensure all of their jobs are protected and there will be no change to the service given to the pupils accessing the Instrumental Service.
- School Christmas Fayre is Friday 29th November.
- As of today, both myself and Miss Easton have taken up our acting positions of HT and DHT, we look forward to this next part of our journey until our new HT is appointed. HT post not advertised as of yet.

End of report

P.C Fundraising Team Update – October 2024

Meeting – Tuesday 1 Oct 6 -7.15pm @ JHPS (Conference Room)

Core Fundraising Attendees: Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Nicola Haswell, Laura McChristie

Apologies: N/a

**** Fundraisers meet first Tuesday monthly 6-7.15pm at JHPS (Conference Room) – all welcome**

EVENTS HELD (Sept):

Family Fun night – 18 Sept – Feedback both at and after the event has been very positive from families. Donations received £239.11 (spent £275.03 on sweets/toys/refreshment cups & juice – we do still have supplies left for a future event but purely focusing on tuck c.£70 profit. (97 sweetie cones left)). We await invoices from KCST £240 & Vibrant Communities £200. Total cost of event £715.03. Thanks to EAC Catering we did not pay for food or for educational food demo.

Badge Sales throughout Aug/Sept - £97.50 (still 163 to sell to break even)

~~McMillan Coffee Morning 27 Sept – Cancelled – school did McMillan Hike instead~~

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2024/2025....

Thursday 10 October - Parents Night 2024

Friday 25 October – pop up Halloween Tuck (mix-ups/tablet/cinder toffee £1 per bag)

Wednesday 30 October - Halloween Disco – Atrium booked - agreed £3 admission

Saturday 16 November - 2024 Bag Pack @ ASDA – 10.00-3.30

Friday 29 November – Xmas Fair – confirmed Ms Dougan – Atrium/Large/Small Conf booked 9am-9pm

ACTION: Email school to firm up dates and 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 Fri 4 March?**

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 – next payment due Nov

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 **Final cost TBC – establish how many pupils JHPS/SnCN this term**

PURCHASES MADE IN LAST MONTH (Sept)

- Family Fun night costs:
 - o Diluting juice/plastic water cups/coffee cups/Tuck bags/sweets - £239.11
 - o Pocket money items - £83.79
 - o KCST Fast Feet - £240 for 2 hours
 - o Laser Tag/Silent Disco £200 (£100 each)

PURCHASES MAJORITY AGREED AT FUNDRAISING MEETING (OCT 24):

- Halloween tuck supplies £TBC – Flyer?
- Halloween disco supplies £TBC (Already got 312 Big T Cups, 200 Haribo – last yr 260 kids came – buy 2 x 60 packs Haribo, Toilet Rolls, 3 tubs sweets & a few more prizes
 - o Debbie create flyer for App & FB? Office set up Parent Pay?
- Thank you sundries

FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS UPDATE:

MARCH 24 – Trefoil – applied for £2900 WIN CONFIRMED 13/9/2024 PENDING PAYMENT

MAY 24 – EAC Renewable Energy Funding – applied 30/5/24 for £5913 for Sensory Garden/Outdoor Classroom – WIN CONFIRMED 6/9/2024 PENDING PAYMENT

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 ordered and £26.39 left to spend.

JUNE 24 - New Farm Participatory Budget 2024 – two projects - The Haven (indoor) as a project plus a spray paint artist for storage unit (designed by children). Awaiting release of 2024 funding details but at Oct 2024 this has still not happened in our area.

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. Awaiting further update.
- Small Lottery License - September 24 – LA to apply Local Authority license ahead of Xmas Raffle – awaiting contact from Laura.

XMAS FAYRE:

Discuss in full at Nov meeting

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Apologies: N/a

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EVENTS HELD (Oct):

Parents Night 2024 - 10 October – promoted PC services

Pop up Halloween Tuck - 25 October – c.550 items (sweets/tablet £1 and popcorn 50p). Sold £303 on 25th and £147 at end of Halloween discos. Surplus donated to school. A total of £440.66 was banked (additional £10 added to float ahead of Xmas Fair) therefore £276.29 Net

Halloween Disco – 30 October (£3 x JHPS/SnCN 233 (pending final payments via barcoded letter) = £699+)

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2024/2025....

Saturday 16 November - 2024 Bag Pack @ ASDA – 10.00-3.30 As at 4/11/24 only a small number of PC and staff volunteers have come forward to support the opportunity to raise funds from an external source. No one from wider parent body has come forward – discuss viability and need for further communication.

Friday 29 November – Xmas Fair – confirmed Ms Dougan – Atrium/Large/Small Conf booked 9am-9pm

Pending confirmation of dates from school to book rooms:

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- Family Fun night costs:
 - o KCST Fast Feet - £240 for 2 hours
 - o Laser Tag/Silent Disco £200 (£100 each)
- At 4/11/24 we have not received these invoices.
- Halloween Tuck £164.37
- Halloween disco supplies & Thank You sundries £83.51

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TBC...Xmas Fair sundries

Sweets for Xmas Lucky Dip

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XMAS FAYRE:

Discuss...

- Elf Cards
- Choc/Bottle Stall – when will parents donate?
- Lucky Dip - Every ticket wins a wee something?
- Leftovers - PC will do a pop up choc tuck in Dec
- Raffle prizes from shops etc - in course of arranging
- Selection boxes – Ms D speaking to Mrs A. Awaiting date re. wrapping night like last year.
- Table decorations – Lindsey to dig out what we have from last year
- PC banner
- Volunteers – request via school app