



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

## Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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, Lynsey Kerr, Margaret Black, Louise Messer, Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Nicola Haswell, Cllr Boyd</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Graham Barton, Cllr Barry Douglas, Cllr Neal Ingram</p>	
<p><b>2. Parent Council Business</b></p> <p>PEF – LD advised that the planned pizza and PEF night had been delayed but it will be rescheduled soon. LD advised this event was to give pupils and families the opportunity to suggest how a small proportion of the PEF money was spent</p> <p>Audit – we discussed the requirement for the accounts to be audited, some suggestions of who might be able to do so. Agreed to put a message out on the app to ask if anyone was willing to assist us.</p> <p>LA provided the fundraising updates in appendix 2</p>	
<p><b>3. Head Teachers Update</b></p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	

<b>4. AOCB – none</b>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> TBC	



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update**

The children have been ever so busy in the playroom. The gorgeous weather has allowed them to have such fun outside in the sunshine.

The children have been exploring jigsaws with the ladies making them trickier and trickier as they go.

The children have also been thinking hard about who helps us in our lives and there are so many - the people who help us at home, in Sgoil-àraich and in our community.

Manners have been high on the agenda as have kind hands and kind words.

### **SNCN and JHP update**

#### **Staffing**

Currently...

3 classroom assistant absent-the council does not back fill these absences

1 ELCP absent- backfill provided to maintain service

Staffing for 24/25 is in and we are currently awaiting to see if we will be allocated probationer teachers. Once this is confirmed we will let children know who their teachers are and arrangements for transition.

We will be offering keeping in touch days during the summer again, following last year's success. This is staffed via staff volunteers and our HLW provision.

#### **West Partnership for GME**

Miss Easton attended the West Partnership Meeting to help GME schools network across the central belt. Plans are underway for joined up Literacy work and moderation, as well as further joint experiences for children.

#### **P7 Residential for SNCN and JHP**

The Primary 7 young people enjoyed a very successful P7 residential experience at the National Sports Centre, Inverclyde, by Largs. It was an amazing facility and the children enjoyed themselves hugely.

#### **P6 Transition Activity**

300 young people attended a special event at the William McIlvanney Campus recently, showcasing robotics, AI technology and STEM careers. This event was initially an early concept

led by Miss Paul (Acting PT) to give our children the opportunity to experience technology of the future, in line with our planned DYW week.

The event then grew into a P6 early transition event, hosted by James Hamilton Primary, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh and Kilmarnock Academy. The event was attended by P6's from Loanhead, Whattriggs and Onthank Primary Schools and supported by scientists from the National Robotarium in Edinburgh and the Council's IT Service.

Olly, Finn, Perrie and Kaitlin from P6 at James Hamilton joined their Head Teacher Lorraine Dougan to welcome special guests Councillor Elaine Cowan, Spokesperson for Education, and Children and Young People; local members Councillors Graham Boyd and Neal Ingram, and Julie McKee from the Education Service, to the early transition event.

They explained that the P6's from all the cluster schools would join into groups, so that they could get to know new friends, and attend eight workshops situated throughout Kilmarnock Academy.

Olly said: "This is a really busy week for our school. It is Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Week and we are learning lots about careers and how we prepare for the world of work. We got to make ice cream as part of our DYW work, it was a bit runny but it was still delicious and everyone's favourite flavour was toffee."

The event got underway with a talk about STEM careers from Blair from the National Robotarium, a facility that has built a world-class reputation in advancing research in robotics and artificial intelligence (AI). Blair also demonstrated two robots, one that looked like an animal and Pepper, the world's first humanoid robot that can recognise faces and human emotions. Pepper was available at one workshop to either give a hug or a high five, which the P6's thought was amazing.

The P6's also got an opportunity to operate small robots, creating mazes for the robots to follow, to learn about aerodynamics and the world of drone technology, the importance of coding and to find out more about AI and Virtual Reality.

Councillor Elaine Cowan said: "This was an incredible experience for our young people and I can't thank Blair and the team from the National Robotarium enough for taking the time out of their busy schedules to spend the day at the William McIlvanney Campus. I know that their goal is to engage with the next generation of robotics and AI engineers and from the fact that you could have heard a pin drop in the hall while he was talking, tells you that our young people were engaged and fascinated.

"Councillor Boyd, Councillor Ingram, Julie McKee and I were warmly welcomed to the school and were pleased to join in the workshops with the P6's. The lesson on aerodynamics, which involved making our own paper aeroplanes, did get a little bit competitive but I think James and Kaleb from Onthank Primary managed to get their planes to fly just that bit further.

"When we were viewing, and participating, in each workshop it was clear that the young people had absolutely no fear of the technology. There are many situations in every day learning where a young person can be afraid or nervous to try something new in case they get it wrong, but not at this event. They were so engaged and keen to participate in every task.

“Finally I would like to thank Gary Neilson, ICT Co-ordinator and Rachel Smith, Primary Science and Sustainability Development Officer who both worked very hard ensuring the event was a huge success. They will be running a similar event at Grange Academy at the end of the month for the school’s cluster primary schools.”

Lorraine Dougan, Head Teacher of James Hamilton Primary and Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh, said:  
“Everyone at James Hamilton Primary and Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh were so pleased to welcome our friends from Loanhead, Onthank and Whatriggs Primaries to the Campus for a fun day of learning. This was the perfect opportunity for an early transition event for all our P6’s so that they can get used to learning together.

“It was also an incredible opportunity for our young people to learn from leaders within the robotics and AI world. It is our Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) week so we have been learning about careers that are available now and future career opportunities within developing technologies. To hear directly from the National Robotarium team really hits home the fact that for our young people, many of the jobs they will be doing don’t exist yet and that in ten years when they are joining the world of work, technology will have advanced significantly. The key is therefore to give them every opportunity to learn and develop transferable skills for their future workplace, whatever it looks like!”

### **School Budget Update**

We are awaiting our new budget

### **School Fund Update**

Awaiting update

### **AOCB:**

On behalf of the entire school staff I would just like to take a moment to thank the Parent Council Strategic Group and the Parent Council Fundraising Group for their support and dedication throughout the year, and the benefits that this great partnership working has brought for our children and young people. We look forward to welcoming the new session with your on-going support.

**End of report**

## **P.C Fundraising Team Update – May 2024**

**Meeting – 7 May 2024 6.30pm @ Costa**

**Core Fundraising Attendees:** Lindsey Anderson, Debbie Mutter, Nicola Haswell

**Apologies:** Lynsey Kerr, Patricia Banner

**Guests:** None

**\*\* Fundraisers meet first Tuesday monthly 6.30pm at Costa (Odeon) – all welcome**

**Next meeting Tuesday 4 June**

### **EVENTS HELD:**

None

### **EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2024....**

Wednesday 22 May – Summer Disco (inc. Nursery movers) – agreed with Ms Dougan - **Hall booked**

End May - P1 Transition event – Badge for each P1 and then sell badges after event in foyer

Friday 7 June – Donut Day (propose 600 & 4 volunteers to mitigate P4-7 not getting – LA/DM/MB/NH)

June – playground pop-up for badge sales

Wednesday 18 September – Family Fun Night – agreed with Ms Dougan – **Atrium/Large/Small Conf all booked 9am-9pm. Leisure Halls booked via Faye. Catering support confirmed via Chris.**

Friday 27 September – McMillan Coffee Morning – **Atrium booked 9am**

October - Halloween Disco (**TBC – need Mr Swan availability**)

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

Friday 29 November – Xmas Fair – date agreed with Ms Dougan – **Atrium/Large/Small Conf booked 9am-9pm**

**EASY FUNDRAISING** – next payment due 14 May – £141.48 expected

### **PURCHASES MADE IN LAST MONTH**

- £369.07 - P7 Leavers Ties
- £384.00 - Hi5 Leadership Awards

### **PURCHASES MAJORITY AGREED AT FUNDRAISING MEETING (APRIL 2024):**

- Summer Disco Expenses

### **FUNDRAISING APPLICATIONS UPDATE:**

**The Haven** – currently liaising with Miss Gorry for costings as there are several grants available for ASN/Wellbeing/inclusion related activity.

**MARCH 24** – Trefoil – applied for £2900 (next deadline 23/8/24)

**MAY 24** – Safe Deposits Scotland – applied again for £3000 (March application unsuccessful)

**MARCH 24** - in discussion Miss Gorry re. Learning Through Landscapes £500 – postponed until Sept

**MAY 24** – EAC Renewable Energy Funding – in progress for Sensory Garden/Outdoor Classroom (liaising Miss Gorry & Miss Walker) submission by 31 May

**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.** Miss Gorry & Miss Walker liaising with children for input and verbatim.

**Technology Programme** – re-applied (3<sup>rd</sup> attempt) to Little Lives 5/4/24 for 25 Chrome Books to support computer science/STEM/Coding Club (per previous discussions Miss Paul) **UNSUCCESSFUL**

**Spar Sports Day Grant for Schools** – applied for max £200 – pending outcome

**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 Reading Cloud App and mobile storage trolleys for books. Miss Baldie engaged.- pending outcome

**OTHER NEXT STEPS:**

- In discussions with AMEY and QTS to understand what they can offer on either a volunteering basis or delivery of educational sessions for primary children. LA to chase up.
- Apply to Gambling Commission for license ahead of Xmas Raffle (LA)
- LA/DM/NH to contact list of potential attendees at September Fun Night prior to school finishing up in June