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## **BUSBY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

### **WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30PM**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Thank you to all who attended:

Niall Hoskins - Chairman

Patricia Anderson - Vice Chair

Wendy Fisher - Treasurer

Laura Brookman - Secretary

Vicky Hughes - P7 Rep

Alison McIntyre

Thomas Perrie

Jo Blyth

Gillian McRobb - Head Teacher

Mark Weir - Depute Head

Julie Oswald - Principal Teacher

Sandra Curran - Principal Teacher

Kim Taylor - Acting Principal Teacher

Tracy Rowan - P1 Rep

Laura Syme - P2 Rep

Carrie Wallace - P4 Rep

Nicola Junkin

Agha Khan

Tanya Campbell

Mandy Meechin

Cllr Annette Ireland

Apologies: Alison Findlay – P6 Rep, Mairi Watson – P3 Rep

### **Review Of Minutes From Last Meeting (AGM)**

Carrie Wallace has stepped down as Committee Member

Julie Perrie has stepped down as P5 rep.

No other amendments required

### **Highlights / Updates From School**

The school will release a full list of dates for each term, and this will be able to be viewed on the school website.

Busby will be celebrating National Maths Week with a series of events and challenges including P6/7 Murder Mystery, Problem Solving Swap with Netherlee, Family Challenges via Twitter.

They are looking to arrange a parents/celebration evening in Nov.

Staffing updates: 2 new NQT's join Busby this year, Miss Carroll in P4 and Miss Morgan in P6. Mr Miliken is leaving to take on a role with Education Scotland. His post has been advertised and interviews will follow soon. In the nursery there are 4 new CDO's with a 5<sup>th</sup> post to be advertised.

### **Questions & Feedback For School**

- SNSA's in p1/4/7 and ERC Standard Tests in p3/5/7 are both currently run in the school. ERC's test are carried out in February, and the SNSA's are taken in May and are integrated into the class lesson. The school have agreed to publish some more information regarding these on the website.
- House Activities will look to be organised once per term and some ideas have been put forward such as a quiz and sports-themed activities.
- The current school uniform was decided by parents following a consultation a few years ago. Many schools in the area made a similar decision to have full shirt and tie as the dress code. It is not recommended that the upper school pupils wear their polo shirts all day for health and wellbeing reasons as they do get very active in PE. If the parent forum feel strongly about revising the current uniform policy this can be taken on board and put forward to the Head Teacher.

- Feedback regarding the p1's first day has been taken on board and will be reviewed for 2019's intake. It was discussed that the class was very busy and quite stressful for some.
- Completion deadlines given to the school before the summer had been changed, and it has recently been confirmed that they are looking to complete the job in a few weeks. The project is being completed by a few different companies. Ground works have been completed and they will be testing the drainage. After the MUGA is complete some enhancements will be made to the top playground, and the grassed area will be de-stoned, drainage fixed and new grass planted. Annette Ireland was able to advise us that ERC had given a completion date of 24/09/18 but this is weather dependent. Once the MUGA is operational the school will look to implement a rota system for use. Pupils rotaed for a particular day will be allowed to choose if they wish to play in the MUGA or not. P7 may be used to establish a monitoring system for the lower school. The school have also advised that although the MUGA will be painted as a football pitch it will be used for various different sports and games
- There are no foreseeable plans to redevelop the toilets at Busby, and if such a time comes any amendments to the current boy/girl format will ultimately be decided by the HT. Mrs McRobb has promised she would not make the decision without consultation with the parent forum.
- The road markings/paint are not on ERC's current priority list, and therefore no date has been set to refresh these. The school are happy to work with pupils and parents to communicate and highlight ongoing issues and look for ways to try and reduce problems. Junior Road Safety Officers have been appointed by the school and poster campaign competition could be run for all pupils. Parents should be encouraged to address parking problems and the Parent Council will try and locate a contact point to raise any issues. Annette Ireland has also advised that Busby will be reviewed at some point and prior to that if there are any specific concerns that parents would like the roads department to consider, to feed back to her directly or via the Parent Council. The 'Safer Routes to Schools' programme was discussed last year. – link attached for reference

<https://www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/158146/0042791.pdf>

## **Treasurer's Summary**

Wendy has taken on Treasurer role at the AGM, and all paperwork has now been passed on to her. Laura and Wendy have been requested as signatory's to the PC account and we await this being confirmed by the bank.

No funding requests were made.

## Fundraising

P7 parents (Zoe Nicklin, Vicky Hughes and Jo Blyth) have secured 2 bag packing slots :

B&M East Kilbride 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 3-8pm

Sainsbury's East Kilbride 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-9pm

If any parents or children are able to assist on these dates please let us know!

We are also on the waiting list for some other stores.

They have also secured a slot on the Waitrose and Asda tokens

Various fundraising ideas were discussed for the coming year

Lottery

Windfarm Grant

Tennis

Quiz

Treasure Trail

Ladies Night

Race Night

Neon Disco / World Book Day Disco.

The committee will look to appoint a separate fundraising group to assist in facilitating events, and details of this will follow shortly.

If any parent has any ideas or can assist with the above we would love to hear from them.

## Social Media / Communications

A Parent Council facebook page was discussed and the committee are keen to take this forward. We will review ERC's policy on Social Media and look to keep things strictly PC related. This page will be admin controlled and moderated.

## Actions From Previous Meeting

Bring Your Own Device - There has been no developments from this from last term. The school will communicate with parents before anything is fully introduced.

Engagement ideas - The PC did look to try and move the meetings to Busby, however the council lets will not allow due to the low numbers. It is also not possible to facilitate childcare for the meetings due to various Health and Safety restrictions.

Mrs McRobb is planning drop-in sessions during school time and the PC could look to arrange to be present during these. We can also re-visit the idea of holding a stall during parent's night. Carrie is looking to publish photos of the committee and class reps, and we will continue to work with Mr Weir on updating the website.

<b>AOB</b>
None
<b>Dates for the diary</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2018, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 have been provisionally booked, but we will be looking to amend some of these to ensure we vary the days of the week the meeting is held on.