



**BUSBY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday 18th April 2019 at 6.30PM**

1. Welcome & Introductions.

Niall Hosking - Chair

Laura Brookman – Secretary

Alison McIntyre – Committee

Tracy Rowan – P1 Rep,

Carrie Hornal – P4 Rep

Alison Finlay – P6 Rep

Gillian McRobb – Head Teacher

Mark Weir – Depute Head

Cllr Annette Ireland (Cllr)

Cllr David McDonald

Apologies : Patricia Anderson – Vice Chair, Wendy Fisher - Treasurer,

Jo Blyth – Committee, Vicky Hughes – Committee / P7 Rep

Laura Syme – P2 Rep, Mairi Watson – P3 Rep, Deb Walker –P5 Rep,

Cllr Stewart Miller, Cllr Alan Lafferty.

2. Review of Minutes from Last Meeting /Agreed Actions from Last Meeting

Minutes – accepted

Actions –

- Asda tokens – Collected and banked
- Ideas for playground improvements – Ongoing
- Work with school to set up focus/feedback groups – School now has their groups
- Give Them Time, what do the PC want to do to support this? - Patricia has informed the Committee that this has been accepted at National level, and so she will pursue that route. No further action required

- Should a Nursery Rep be appointed for meetings? Check with Connect on insurance membership – Laura reviewed Connect membership. The threshold for headcount is 300. Current school role is 308. ERC take out the policies, so need to contact them to send on the policy and make sure we are on the correct scheme.

3. Fundraising Updates –

Spring Fling has been postponed due to lack of volunteers and the date colliding with a few other external events. Alternative plan is to host a Busby treasure hunt, with just a few stalls and a tombola/raffle. This will be hosted in playground on 1st June (2-4pm). We are hoping to offer a ‘family prize’ Laura and Carrie will send out more letters to companies for raffle prizes.

There are plans to decorate the gazebo as a pirate ship. School have agreed to this. Mr Weir suggested a ‘Soak the Staff’ with wet sponges and stocks. Look into borrowing the stocks from Netherlee PS, and we can ask the teachers if they would be willing to volunteer. Cllr McDonald has volunteered to be soaked.

Beach Party disco coming up in June, volunteers needed again. The DJ is booked. Further plans will be made nearer the time.

Next year we will look to host ceilidh again. The band have been asked if they can attend again. We will look to approach Tunnocks & Irn Bru for Scottish-themed freebies. Other ideas from p6 parents have been put forward for next year’s P7 fundraising, and Alison will discuss these with Gillian & Mark and decide what ones to run with.

P7 fundraiser ‘Ladies Night’ tickets will be on sale soon. £10 per ticket. The date for this is 31st May

4. Treasurer’s Update

Wendy had supplied the recent account activity to Laura :

Money In :

£200.00 - Asda tokens
£26.16 - Easyfundraising
£TBC - Waitrose tokens

Money Out:

£82.54 – 10% donation to Yorkhill
£291.60 – P7 Dictionaries

5. Funding Requests

None!

6. Highlights / Updates From School

The school have had Education Scotland visiting, the have changed their model; there will be more frequent visits with a thematic approach, meetings with parents and this is fed back to Scottish Government. Positive feedback was given (although no official report will be released)

The school say a big thank you for the STEM Week donation. Staff and pupils really enjoyed themselves. Feedback regarding the showcase will be reviewed to make it better than ever.

P7 transition events have begun. The recent cluster sports day was enjoyed by the pupils. 2 day visits have organised for June. P1 inductions will be confirmed once numbers are known.

Staff update – Julie Oswald will be retiring in the summer. Her role has been advertised and filled by Pauline Houston from Netherlee PS . The staff are looking forward to working with her. Julie is very sad to be leaving her Busby family. The Parent Council offer their thanks to Mrs Oswald for all the meetings she has attended and all the advice and support she has offered over the years.

Angela Robinson will also be leaving to travel the world with her husband.

Miss Morgan will become a permanent member of staff.

5 CDO's will join the team for the nursery

7. Grant Applications

Grants have been noticed that we could apply for and the committee were asked on the PC WhatsApp group to consider applying for these. There was also an idea that the Co-op grant could also tie in with the local community. We could also possibly start a joint project with the school and tie into their Community Skills Academy.

Cllr Ireland suggested signing up for the ERC Funding search.

8. AGM Planning - 5th June

It was suggested the constitution could be changed to have more official roles e.g. Comms Officer, Fundraising Head. Any changes would need to be presented to and agreed by the parent forum.

Some of the current Committee do not intend to apply for the role again next term. Therefore we will look to advertise roles prior to AGM and try and gather names of those interested in applying. We can ask the nursery parent's group to help communicate and invite any new p1 parents who may have an interest. Carrie will help design a poster and leaflets outlining the roles and responsibilities.

We will look to book BPC again instead of WWHS.

Feedback from last year was that the AGM needed a little more structure, and we should start the transfer process within the meeting.

9. Highlights from Chairs Meeting

Niall attended the meeting in March. The focus was Mental Health with several professionals in attendance. Services available to children within authorities were highlighted. Maths services becoming more accessible also covered.

10. AOB

We will consider adding to school newsletter and/or set up our own.

Cllr Ireland advised that the active travel review regarding roads round the school are being finalised and will be with ERC mid-late May. They are looking for some parental input as Traffic Assessment looking for what improvements can be made.

Community consultation on school travel will also be forthcoming but is being held up by EU elections.

Cllr Ireland also gave an update on the nursery development. Tenders have been received and are being reviewed. Looks like end of June / early July for work to start. Other areas of the playground will be identified for improvement.

Police and Wardens aware of high school leavers this weekend and will be patrolling the area. Vans will be patrolling and groups of youths will be referred to police. Police and Fire Brigades attended schools to educate on risk of setting fires to bins.

Braidbar Quarry has also been highlighted as fencing has been improved but people are still being noticed in the quarry. The Ring & Report number is 01415778373 / 24hrs - We will send a message to all class reps to post. The more reports of such incidences the better as it brings it to the attention of the weekly community meeting.

A question was asked about the Daily Mile – School advise this has not stopped, but is the decision of the teacher. Busby allocate 3 hours a week so meet and exceed activity levels set by Scottish Gvt (2.5hours) Daily Mile was more of a focus to improve activity levels in those schools not meeting this target. Some classes will still do it but this is over and above the curriculum.

Playground discussion –The school have been asked if they will consider switching the entrance/exit point for upper and lower pupils. There is less space for the parents waiting of their P1-p3 whereas P4-7 have less adults waiting for them. The MUGA is also getting a bit crazy with a mix of younger and older pupils as the older pupils don't have a parent overseeing their behaviour.

The school have advised they can consider this, but cannot determine much until classes are allocated and the rooms are known. The feedback has been taken on board and will consider this for the new term.

Action Points to Take Forward

- Email ERC for Connect Insurance information - **Laura**
- PC will look to offer a thank you gesture for Mrs Oswald for all her contribution and help with the PC over the years – **to be discussed with committee**
- Discuss with committee starting a group to start applying for grants? - **Niall**
- Sign up ERC Funding – **Laura**
- AGM Pass Roles & Responsibilities to be reviewed and circulated. – **All committee to become involved in advertising. Carrie has offered to help design posters etc...**
- Summarise and send out a communication re PC Chairs meeting – **Niall**
- Newsletter plans – **Committee to discuss this**

Future Dates:-

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| Friday 31 st May | Ladies Night |
| Sat 1 st June | Spring Fling 1pm-3pm |
| Wed 5 th June | Parent Council AGM 6:30pm |
| Wed 12 th June | Beach Party 6:15pm and 7:45pm |

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