



## NETHERLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Netherlee Parent Council Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

<b>Present</b>	Debby Biddles	DB	Angie McHendry	AMH
	Beverly Eades	BE	Lisa Gold	LG
	Lesley Cook	LC	Carole Chalmers	CC
	Kaneez Fizza	KF	Felicity Rose	FR
	Adam Capek	AC	Tennant Stevenson	TS
	Cllr Stuart Miller	SM	Cllr Annette Ireland	AI
	Yvonne Donaldson	YD	Julie Roberts	JR
	Lynn Sweeney	LS		

**Apologies:** Brian Cook, Cllr Alan Lafferty, Cllr David Macdonald

**Observers:** Lynsey Dickson

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### Welcome

#### **Minutes from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

##### **Actions from Previous Minutes:**

LS – said that two venues for the P7 residential are shortlisted which are Lochgoilhead and Dounans. Both are cheaper and do water sports will view mid March and feedback to PC. Can also go to Lockerbie at a different time of the year which would be less expensive.

JR – Twitter feed back up and working. Stage letters are on the parent section of website and going forward will all be on website for all stages. Date in diary to review and update the school website.

YD – Social Media Policy – will email copy to DB which has practical guidance from parents and government. DB to check if PC are happy to issue link to parents.

Proposed by: LC

Seconded by: TS

#### **Parent Council - Evaluation**

DB circulated a short questionnaire to members to answer questions on how the parent council should run.

DB circulated list of PC members showing which classes they represented. YD suggested that there are two options which could be adopted for PC representation which are:

- Email address for class reps to be distributed to parents.
- Two parent reps per class – PC source 1 rep and school would approach 2<sup>nd</sup> parent to be the rep for the class.

Would need to be clear about the role of the PC representatives and what the levels of communication are and also if any individual children or class issues are raised then this is not the correct mode of communication for this.

The PC agreed to include nursery parents in the PC.

YD suggested a discussion forum to be held at the end of the PC meetings i.e. how are class teachers matched, how do the playgrounds work, and this could be used for the class representatives to discuss issues raised to them.

**Action:**

**DB to pull together a communication with JR for PC representatives**

**DB to pull together 3 topics for potential discussion at next meeting**

**School Matters**

YD said that the Anti Bullying Policy has issued by East Renfrewshire in semi permanent form and will be shared at next PC Chair's meeting and then disseminated to PC after this.

**Action:**

**DB to attend PC Chair meeting and issue policy to PC members**

**Active Schools Update**

DB circulated a Sports Council press release requesting support for sports clubs being held late afternoon/early evening. Early circulation from this to parents and social media has resulted in 5 volunteers coming forward to offer their help in sports clubs. DB also said that support has been requested from Williamwood pupils wishing to help out.

**Equalities Sub-Group Update**

DB circulated an Equality Potential Quick Wins list.

YD responded to the points as follows:

1. Request for costumes for plays/shows - will look to make this more equitable by encouraging parents to share and support costumes and bring this to a minimum of requests.
2. Multiple Fundraising Request - started to communicate events for the school term and in August events will be communicated for the whole school session and will work with PTA to not have school and PTA events close together.
3. Minimum payment for Parent Pay - Parent Pay is a council led initiative and they set the minimum amounts. FR commented that she could pay a single amount on the Parent Pay site.
4. Cluster Uniform - Discussed with Cluster Leadership Team but felt too expensive to change uniforms currently.
5. School trips and costs – these are on the school website with a rough cost under the Parents section.
6. Bikeability – this will be run again and notice has been given that this will be run in the next term for P6 children. A letter will be sent with rough dates of the sessions and highlighting if children don't have a bike then bikes can be sourced to loan these to children doing bikeability.
7. Bus Fares – the school has no influence on this issue as these are public buses.
8. Digital Homework – P7s do literacy through google classrooms. If children do not have access online then paper copies can be issued. Positive feedback from parents to continue with digital homework. YD said that school would ensure PCs are available for P7 children to do homework in school if they needed time to do this. AMH disagreed with the point of children whose parents work are not able to supervise their children using a PC.
9. Help using Glow for Parents – school happy to support this and run different workshops for different stages. YD also suggested seeking assistance from Williamwood pupils to help with

this. KF also requested if there can be further communication i.e. drop in sessions with teachers about maths and literacy. DB said that school are looking at starting community drop ins. It was agreed that the timing of the workshops are set so that parents are able to come along and choosing the right time and correct topics for different parents will be established.

10. Daytime activities can these be projected on an evening – will not follow this up as it was felt this would have a low attendance.

Parents evenings in March and DB suggested having a table with suggestions box for parents to complete when attending parents evening and having PC representatives at the table for the following dates:

5/3/19 - 4pm – 7pm

7/3/19 - 5pm – 8pm

14/3/19 – 4pm – 7pm

Events prior to Christmas are very Christmas focussed and discussions have been held over having celebration cards for other celebrations i.e. Eid, birthdays, Diwali in addition to Christmas cards.

**Action:**

**DB to email requesting support for parent evenings**

**Pitch – Project MUGA**

DB commented that discussions have been held about changing the playing field to a 4G pitch. AI has been helping and is talking to ERC Parks Department about getting a 4G pitch.

DB has researched potential funding options for the pitch. AI reported that from initial discussions ERC have said that budget is not there but are happy to discuss if funding is sourced.

**Action:**

**DB to pursue funding options and liaise with ERC about updating the pitch**

**AOB**

**School Uniform**

YD said there are variations in uniform options and a lot of logo options with school badge. YD will look at uniform with staff, children and parents under the equity agenda and seek views on school uniform. Hoodies were never designed to be worn indoor and current uniform policy states hoodies are not allowed to be worn inside of school.

**Potential Strikes**

Once an update is received then this will be communicated out to parents.

**Supporting Safer Internet Day**

AMH said that Safer Communities Cyber Crime Prevention Team have Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 as a Cyber Crime Prevention day and volunteering community officers to attend schools for this event. Saferinternet.org.uk is available for all to look at. AMH is offering to meet with staff and campus cop to link into Cyber Crime Prevention Unit to offer package and information on sharing with parents and/or organise a meeting to discuss and present to parents information on safely using the internet.

**Action: AMH to liaise with JR on this**

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Staff Room**