



**NETHERLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Netherlee Parent Council**  
**Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @7pm Google Meet**

**Attendees**

Category	Name	Initial	Category	Name	Initial
School Staff	Yvonne Donaldson	YD	Parent Councillors	Harriet Boyle	HB
	Lynn Sweeney	LS		Martin Whitehead	MH
	Julie Roberts	JR		Fiona MacMillan	FM
	Jennifer McCann	JM		Duncan MacKinnon	DM
East Ren Councillor	n/a	n/a		Joanna Haw	JH
Parent Councillors	Adam Capek	AC		Richard Owen	RO
	Tennant Stevenson	TS		Naveed Bakhsh	NB
	Felicity Rose	FR		Kirsty Wilko	KW
	Emma Gibson	EG			
	Fizza Kaneez	FK			

**Apologies**

Victoria Pearson, Councillor Stuart Miller, Jane Thomson, Carol Chalmers, Mike Law, Justin Haccius.

**Approval of Minutes**

No Objections to Minutes from Meeting 16.02.2022; therefore Accepted.

## **School Report**

**Welcome** to Jennifer McCann who has joined as acting Principal Teacher replacing Mrs Kerr.

With easing restrictions, the school is welcoming parents back into the buildings where every stage will have an opportunity to come into school. Classroom visits have been organised for P1, 2 and 3; P4, 5, 6 and 7 are putting on pupil showcases.

### **Transitions**

- **Nursery – P1 Transition**

Welcome Days are in planning, organising how parents could come into school. P1 uniforms will go to nursery buildings next week, to help with the cost of the school day, from Friday to Wednesday, and will be continued each week.

New uniforms are also available at Schoolwear Made Easy and Stevensons.

There will be a Pitch Party for Nursery to P1 children – getting the new P1s together playing games and having fun out on the pitch! Parents will also be invited into school for teas/coffees during pitch party.

Sessions will also be run for current P1 and P2 parents, who have not had the transition opportunities over the last two years.

- **P7 High School Transition**

In full swing with both visits to Williamwood High School planned and staff from Williamwood visiting Netherlee.

P7 Maths Event will take place, planned by Williamwood, working with different cluster schools to allow the children to mix with other schools. P7s will also go to the high school for a full morning visit, and there will be an extended transition day for children who need additional support.

### **Residential**

11 Staff members joined P7s on their residential trip to Lockerbie! It was a huge success!

### **Hub Refurbishment**

Half of the Hub area has been transformed into area for cooking, with new flooring, and equipment like sinks to accommodate a messy area that is easy to clean. This area can now be used for STEM activities including art, drama, music, and science.

It also facilitates using the Hub, garden, and atrium all together for different types of activities, extending opportunities, as well as allowing a whole stage of children working together – great benefit!

## **Parent Council Agenda**

### **Pitch Update**

The Parent Council continue to engage with East Renfrewshire Council regarding any upgrading of the Pitch outside the school such as improved drainage, filling in potholes etc although East Renfrewshire Council currently have no provision for a wider project.

As a well-used community asset, the PC feel there is a need for it to be kept in good order, and will pursue trying to get some maintenance completed, particularly as the warmer weather increases usage of the pitch.

### **Road Safety Update**

A new Crossing Patroller has been appointed at Clarkston Road / Linnpark Avenue. Improvements have also been made with new road signage, widening of pavements and the recent additions of bollards – a great outcome from the ongoing dialogue between the Parent Council and East Ren Council.

The PC remains committed to continuing the conversation and discussing further improvements that would help with Road Safety.

### **After School Activities**

After School Activities have all moved to Williamwood High School to centralise activities. There is limited capacity and long waiting lists for some activities – PC to consider if activities might be located back at Netherlee Primary School, particularly to help those unable to travel to Williamwood.

### **Health and Well-Being Survey**

Schools can carry out the Health and Well-Being Survey any time until schools stop in June, available from 28<sup>th</sup> April.

For those taking part, Parental Permission has been received. A week's notice will be provided before Netherlee carries out the survey and an adult will be present to help with reading, or in case of any distress.

Uptake was low – about 25% of children taking part.

### **Communication Sub-Committee**

Comms sub-committee have been successful in increasing the quality and frequency of communications out to parents, and back to school.

Positive changes made to School Website – feedback observed better menus and visuals, and easier to navigate.

We are currently supporting the school's improvement planning for next term by helping to source parents for discussion focus groups. Topics include encouraging parental involvement and supporting children's learning.

Newsletters will continue as an easy to access way for parents to keep up to date.

YD suggested for new P1s – would the PC want something to give out to new P1s, nice to have welcome from PC. Subsequently a flyer has been created inviting new P1 parents, and indeed all parents, to join the PC, to boost awareness and partnership with a wider proportion of Netherlee parents.

## **Parental Involvement**

The school and Parent Council are very keen to increase opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities, to get together, to bring fresh ideas, share your thoughts and opinions and get involved!

Some of the current areas that are looking for parental involvement:

- Feeding into the School and Nursery Improvement Plan
- Setting up Parent Support Groups
- Rewriting School Handbook to be as friendly as possible
- Creating a Booklet for new parents
- Volunteering to share skills
- Joining the Parent Council or PTA

We have such wonderful, curious, and creative children at Netherlee, and a strong partnership with parents is central to supporting our children's progress through their school journey.

Please do consider getting involved in whatever small or bigger way you can and help us to work together in partnership. Get in touch: [netherleeparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:netherleeparentcouncil@gmail.com)

## **PTA and PC Membership and Future**

PC positions remain vacant for Chair and Secretary; and PTA has vacant positions for Chair, Vice Chair, Interim Secretary and Uniform Coordinator.

Both the PC and PTA have been struggling with engagement, and may have to consider future structure, for example a joint PTA/PC, or a PTA subgroup within PC model which other schools do use.

Noting that it has been easier to engage in person – with lots of recruitment coming from discos, and events through informal means.

PTA have delivered many successful projects and continue loads of positive work, and it would be a real loss to the school particularly in these difficult budgetary times.

PC is a supportive and a positive asset that the school don't wish to lose.

YD strongly supportive of continuing both, noting it would be a real loss not to have PC/PTA and not a position the school wishes to be in.

## **Next PC Meeting**

Our next Parent Council Meeting at 7pm on 15th June will take place in person and make use of the renovated Hub area in the school.

We will have a head teacher's report and AGM, but also focus on getting to know current and new members in a more informal setting. Come along and join us!

## **AOB**

There is training available for PC members to sit on interview panels for senior leadership positions. Social Media training is also available – Coms group could consider.