

# Parent Council Meeting Highlights - 06.12.22

NEXT MEETING

7PM ON WEDNESDAY  
15TH FEB **IN PERSON**

**ALL WELCOME!**

➤ A PLACE FOR ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND GET INVOLVED

## WELCOME

With holidays just around the corner this is often a very hectic time of year for families, so we greatly appreciated those who found the time to attend our recent parent council online meeting. There was much discussion on some timely topics. We are also delighted to announce that Katie McNair is now officially a full member of the council, congratulations! Our next meeting will be face to face in the school on Wed 15 February and we warmly invite you all to come along. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and peaceful new year!

Thanks, Adam Capek (Chair)

## PARENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Significant concerns have been raised about the proposed **East Renfrewshire budget cuts** and that the impacts would be felt by those who need help most, such as pupils with additional needs. The potential end of the **Active Schools Programme** would be a huge loss as many have benefited from their wide range of subsidised sports classes and holiday camps. Other concerns include reduction in road crossing patrollers and changing the length of the school week. We hope as many of you as possible had the chance to complete the council's online consultation regarding budget cuts and will continue to lobby on your behalf.

With **road safety** always a priority it was positive to hear that a local Primary school have just completed a trial involving timed road closures during school drop off/pick up periods. It was encouraging to hear that there may be future government support for **timed road restrictions** that we could benefit from and will continue to monitor developments in this arena.

Work is progressing well on **refreshing the school handbook**. Some practical additions include details of the parents' night online booking system, parents portal and a map of school. Once a full new draft is available from the school the parent council will produce a simple summary version for new parents.

Although we regularly attend an East Ren wide parent council event, it was agreed that we should pursue a regular meeting of **parent council representatives from the Williamwood cluster**. This would be beneficial to discuss common issues, such as the recent policy regarding jewellery and the budget consultation, and identify any collective actions. We have already been in touch with the chair of Williamwood PC and work is underway with closer collaboration within the cluster.

Prompted by staff recent Connect training, we have an opportunity to build **greater pupil involvement in parent council activities** and will work with the school to instigate a joint pupil / parent council engagement forum next year – watch this space!

## HEAD TEACHER REPORT



The school were delighted to receive a donation recently from the **Stamperland Residents Committee** to help families in the school community who are in need.

Some uses include supporting P7 families to fund the planned residential trip and also help with buying grey non badged items of uniform.

Working in partnership with living streets organisation an **Active Travel** pilot is now underway in P7. Led by the pupil council, one P7 class is involved in looking at other, more active, ways of traveling to school. The updated Travel Plan will be shared next year.

A key aim of our School & Nursery Improvement Plan is to celebrate diversity and seek equity for all our families. Our **Everyone Matters group** is a vehicle to help facilitate discussion with parents and build a stronger partnership between home and school. To make this as effective as possible we need more parent volunteers to create a joint action group and work towards the Family Focus Gold Award. Please contact the school if you are interested.

November saw our first trial of the dual approach to **Parents' nights**, providing both an in-person and online option to meet all needs. Despite a small number of parents being unable to get their preferred appointment, the overall approach was highly successful. Please look out for a short feedback survey on this topic.

Some senior staff were recently involved in training by **Connect** – the organisation who promote family engagement with school life. More information on this organisation is available [here](#).

A reminder that the next **Chatter Café** is on Wednesday 21st December 9.15am - 9.45am. Come along to this informal opportunity to chat to staff and other parents – cake and coffee provided!