

# Parent Council Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Introductions took place of all members

## 2. Apologies

- a. Apologies from Allan Steele – Stuart Baird chaired in absence of AS; Jacqui Grant; Ross ; S Nurnberg

## 3. HWB Census Breach

- a. Apologies from SSN meant that we are unable to discuss. There seemed to be some concern that information collected had been shared by ScotGov

## 4. ERC Local Improvement Plan 25-28

- a. F Miller asked for any feedback on the LIP '2025-28' – this item was carried forward to allow all new members to read the paper. Mr Lee sought clarity on how education spends were to be distributed across school estates. M Montague was asked to give clarity on how this process works. She explained that property and technical assess the needs of the school estates and had applied to ScotGov for LEAP funding but that this was declined. Mr Miller asked the provost for further clarity on why over the course of a period of 6 years when his child has attended, there had seemed to be very little capital investment in WFHS, whilst there was significant spend on other, newer buildings.
- b. Stuart Baird offered a point that the parent council could look to further their work around a snapshot of the school estate and compare this with the other schools in ERC
- c. F Miller highlighted work done previously by the parent council. She also stressed to parents that their voice was crucial to the process.
- d. G Boyle answered questions around whether there was any impact on the education of our young people.
- e. Mr Lee asked about the use of EW Park Theatre and why this had limited access to the school for the school show. GB explained this.
- f. Councillor Montague explained that ERC own the building but it is run by the EW Community and Leisure Trust. There was discussion from Mr Miller about the need for there to be access to buildings in ERC.
- g. S Baird felt this was an anti-democratic move.

## 5. GPS Defibrillator donations and who maintains WFHS & acceptance of donations

- a. S Miller asked that it be minuted that there was a great effort by Giffnock Primary to raise funds for Defibrillators and that it is important that the parent council at WFHS note that they are in a position to discuss how these funds are apportioned.
- b. G Boyle highlighted that we have a defib in WFHS that was provided by a previous parent council and that this is maintained by WFHS at approximately £400 pa.
- c. There is also a public access Defib outside Woodfarm Sports Pavilion.
- d. S Miller asked if there was guidance on what we should have in school. G Boyle clarified that there was not specific guidance for this from national bodies.
- e. F Miller volunteered that there were grants available.
- f. PARENT offered note that GPS had brought in volunteer agencies of an evening for a family learning event around first aid.
- g. Provost Montague shared information on her presentation at council which related to free CPR training and petition for more public defibrillators. Provost highlighted a

new tool called PAD Map that shows where there are needs for defibs based on cardiac arrests and where most likely to occur.

- h. G Boyle was asked to check the life expectancy of our current defib.
- i. V McQuarrie asked the Parent Council members if they were deciding to 'park' CPR training or if we could look at a way for there to be a larger input for pupils.
- j. Giffnock Primary Parent Council were thanked for their consideration of an offer of supporting access to a PAD at WFHS.

**6. Financial Report – S Miller**

- a. Last report £1620 – donated £600 at Xmas time. Ragbag was emptied and balance now sits at £1048.03
- b. S Baird highlighted that the fundraising arm of the parent council was in need of new blood.
- c. Parent council will communicate with all parents that there will be a need for new office bearers and this takes place in August AGM.

**7. Traffic Issues**

- a. Planning application in to extend parking and road at WEC. G Boyle highlighted that parking for access to WEC and access to car park for parents was limited and this was causing significant issues. M Montague reminded parents that the parent council could submit a 'representation' in light of the planning application.
- b. Russell provided detail on the views of Thornliebank community council who have discussed this in more detail. He will share his views on the plans to the parent council group chat and this will be added to the next meeting.

**8. Moved on to next meeting**

**9. Spring conference – 26<sup>th</sup> April**

- a. Fiona Miller asked if anyone could attend this.

**10. Parent/School Communication**

- a. GB shared that ERC has agreed to stop making use of X and that as a school, we would like to look at how to improve communication, including a school app. This is in the final steps of being approved. There was discussion about this and the value of using social media, versus the app. GB shared her rationale for seeking approval for an app. There was general consensus that an app would be more useful.
- b. V McQuarrie asked if we are able to use other social media accounts.
- c. The PC were positive about this.

**11. School Improvement Planning Cycle**

- a. GB asked for parent input on the SIP cycle.
- b. Spoke about the structure of our plan being based in school values.
- c. GB asked for feedback on L&T experience at Woodfarm.
- d. GB highlighted that the pupil experience
- e. GB will share this via email – L&T; Support; Wider Achievement
- f. V McQuarrie commended the family learning events in Maths and English. This was seconded by F Serafini.
- g. S Baird suggested the PC email all parents and seek their views on what they wish to see from parent engagement evenings.

**12. AOCB**

- a. Methods of parent council communicating were discussed and email agreed to be the best medium.

- b.** Would the PC be interested in consulting the parent forum on an appetite for revising rules on mobile phones in schools. GB offered her views on this topic for the PC to digest.
- c.** Parent Council conduct. Would like to minute that parent council business should not be discussed on social media by personal accounts.