



Wallacewell Primary

Parent Council

Agenda

Monday 18th November 2024

This meeting took place on line via 'Google Meet'. The online meeting was advertised in advance allowing families to request joining details for the meeting. All families who requested joining details for the meeting were sent this information in advance of the meeting.

Present: Ross Nisbet (Chair), Caryn Smith (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Smith (Secretary), Denise White (Fundraising Coordinator), Laura Davidson (Head Teacher), Anna Byatt (Community Development Student), Alana Muir (Parent), Samantha Hay (Parent) & Anu Lajide (Parent)

1. Welcome and Introductions - Ross welcomed all to this meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Chair Update -

a) Capacity - Ross raised the issue of the story which had been reported in the news regarding the capacity of the school and the inaccuracies surrounding the narrative that was portrayed by the media. HT gave an accurate update on the current roll which disproves the claim. The school currently have space to accommodate pupils at all stages apart from Primary 2 and Primary 4.

b) Pitch - Ross attended the Robroyston Community Council meeting where the use of Section 75 money was discussed. There is opposition to using Section 75 money for our pitch. Some believe that the council should be responsible for its replacement.

c) Road Traffic Issues - The recent measures undertaken seem to be having a positive effect although some drivers are still causing an issue. This is mainly in the overflow parking area and in the surrounding estates where inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving continues to be a concern for the school

community and local residents. This situation will be monitored where possible and the school will continue to liaise with the relevant bodies including Police Scotland.

At an earlier meeting a parent had requested that we look into some additional form of traffic control on Standburn Road. This has been forwarded to concerned parties who will see what, if anything, can be done.

d) Transport Survey - The issue of this had resulted in a more positive response in comparison with last year. At time of writing 34 responses had been received. PC will continue to liaise with GCC regarding transport to Smithycroft Secondary.

e) Halloween Disco Feedback – Through discussions with the school and following feedback from families, ticket prices will be increased to include tuck shop access at future discos run either by the school/ Parent Council.

3. Christmas Fayre, Santa's Grotto & Santa Letters - All stalls have now been sold and arrangements for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 30th of November are in hand. This will be a community Christmas Fayre. The school are hoping that this will lead to more community involvement.

Santa's Grotto - The PC will be running Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre and will be responsible for the preparations in advance of the event. Caryn has this in hand and Caroline has very kindly offered her assistance. It is hoped that parents might volunteer to assist on the day. We will have discussions about this in the week leading up to it.

Santa's Letters - PC will again take responsibility for Santa Letters. Parents will be informed about this w/b 25th November and returns should be made by 6th December. A chocolate treat will be included with each Santa Letter.

4. Headteacher Update –

- BCDC Park Development Project – The school have been involved in discussions as part of a short-life steering group to improve local parks in Robroyston and Barmulloch, in particular, Robroyston Park next to our school and Broomfield Park. Parks should be the green hearts of our communities, but parks in our area do need some tender loving care and new thinking.

Glasgow City Council has provided funding to BCDC to help the local community work out a plan of action to improve local parks in Barmulloch and Robroyston, focussing on Robroyston Park and Broomfield Park.

Miss Davidson (HT) met with Nick Wright from BCDC on Monday the 28th of October to share ideas and learn more about the project. Their aim is to produce a plan in the next few months. Once finished, the plan will be registered by the Council. BCDC and other local community groups will be able to use it to help get money and work with the Council and others to turn people's ideas into action. The Team from BCDC will have a staff at the schools Christmas Fayre to capture some further ideas from the local community.

- House Points – Wallacewell Primary believe that TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK. This session they introduced a House System where children along with their siblings are placed into a House for the duration of their time at Wallacewell Primary School. The House System has been introduced to promote positive behaviour and encourage the philosophy of team spirit, fair play and togetherness.

Children are given 'House Points' from all members of teaching, support and admin staff for demonstrating our school values within the school. These 'House Points' accumulate over the course of a week. At the end of each term the points are added up and the winning House is awarded an afternoon treat. This term we saw the winning House from term 1 celebrate with their families for the winning House Treat. Wildside Nature joined us for the afternoon with children having the opportunity to engage in outdoor learning activities and marshmallow toasting with their parents/carers. The event was a huge success. Wildside Nature will be supporting the school to plan future House Treats this session.

- School Defibrillator - The school continue to fundraise for their defibrillator. Planned activities including Choir singing at ASDA and bag packing. The school will also be applying for ASDA's Community Development Grant in January.

5. Treasurer Update -

The sum of £942 is currently held.

All expenses for the Halloween Disco have been reimbursed.

6. Update from Anna Byatt -

Anna informed us of the upcoming Community Cafes' which will be running every Thursday until Christmas. Discussions have centred on fundraising and community improvement ideas.

7. AOB

Charitable Status – Alana and Anna discussed the possibility of charitable status for the PC. Denise and Ross also expressed opinions on this. Further discussions will follow if this is feasible.