

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 @ 6:30pm by Zoom**  
**GREENWOOD ACADEMY**  
**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** K Hegarty – Head Teacher, C McKinlay – Secretary, C Kennedy – Treasurer & 3 Parents/Carers

**Apologies:** Sharon Ledger, Joanne Matthews, Lesley McDade

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<p><b>1. Welcome – K Hegarty</b>            All welcomed to last meeting of this school year. S Johnson has now stepped down, if anyone would like to consider taking on this role over summer holiday please advise Mrs Hegarty. Head Teacher’s role is to advise and take back feedback to staff from Parent Council, as Parents this is your meeting. Mrs Hegarty will lead meetings until someone is found. S Johnson really enjoyed her time and she would be happy to have a chat with anyone who would like to take the Chair role and twitter.</p> <p><b>2. Last meeting Minutes 3/5/2022</b> approved and available on <a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/greenwoodac/">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/greenwoodac/</a></p> <p><b>3. Treasurer Report – C Kennedy</b>            No new statement, 2 cheques written since last month therefore funds £200 less.</p> <p><b>4. HT Update – K Hegarty</b></p> <p>➤ <b>In-Service Day - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>            Focus on direction of school, national priorities - where we sit as a school in terms of “looked after” young people, young carers and additional needs pupils. Mrs Dunker provided lovely cakes for us all. Workshops held and it was great to get staff back together again. In-service days, during Covid, not held in person. Staff shared ideas, thoughts and enjoyed time together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of staff shared their expertise in regards to inclusion, breaking into smaller groups. Hearing Impairment classroom assistants led one of the Groups. They have to be knowledgeable about all subjects they go to and language and terms are different between subjects. They gave tips to teachers on how they can work better together to support young people. Suggestions also came from our hearing impaired pupils. We will have 7 hearing impaired and deaf young people within the school in August. Professional learning is ongoing for the staff. Elderbank Primary use sign language.</li> <li>• Four members of staff were on “Building Positive Relationships” training. They will share information on how to take things forward and next steps.</li> <li>• We also had a visit by groups of staff to our SSR Base, some staff came from out with our Cluster primaries. SSR will have 2 to 4 teaching staff, 3 classroom assistants and a youth worker. Some teachers had not seen this area of the building since it was revamped. Two of our teachers are from a primary background. The Education Psychologist was also present.</li> <li>• Workshop learning and teaching took place. A film around bereavement was shared.</li> </ul>	

Impact Arts involved in making the film with our pupils acting. It was hard hitting about losing someone close/parents and benefits of peer support.

- BBQ lunch delivered by social committee. This was a really feel good factor day and reflects the inclusion and support of our young people. Mrs Hegarty appreciated listening to teachers, classroom assistants and psychologists.
- Faculty Leads and Guidance Teachers worked with Miss Greenlees at improvement planning and next steps within Departments.

➤ **Changes to School Day**

- School times now changed and Health and Wellbeing registration period introduced, this all went smoothly.
- 1 bus running slightly later, trying to negotiate with Stagecoach to remedy this.
- All years moved up, Mrs MacDougall overseeing the new timetables. With subject changes in senior phase, unlike some schools, Greenwood provide a free choice rather than having to pick from columns with fixed subjects in them. In 4<sup>th</sup> year English & Maths mandatory then 5 other subjects. In 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 subjects are picked. Subjects are then put into columns based on this.
- A PowerPoint presentation was shared with pupils regarding College start times and things happening in school.
- Key messages and things we want conveyed each week shared at registration class.

➤ **School Uniform**

- Definite improvement in standard of school uniform. Pupils looking for ties in Senior phase has massively increased. Having seniors being role models has spurred them to be back in uniform. Discussions taking place with pupils not in uniform explaining that although we only have a few weeks left they can take a bigger size from our stock of uniforms. This is working well and Mrs Hegarty delighted with the improvement.

➤ **Cost of the School Day Conference, Ardrossan**

- Schools represented from across North Ayrshire Council. Shared their views about what schools could do to support young people. Previously at these conferences pupils spoke about IT and asked about excursions, trips and extra funding. A change of focus now noted with a gratefulness about being back together again in school. Mrs Boax and our pupils did a great job and represented their own views and school well.

➤ **Excursions**

- New S4 Year group went to Blackpool on 26<sup>th</sup> May with guidance teachers and other staff. No issues, well behaved, on time for meet ups and all thoroughly enjoyed it. Surreal to see photos of a trip on Twitter.
- Bounce station trips coming up – subsidised from school fund and a huge thank you to Parent Council for their donation. Good to support local business also.
- Asking for staff proposals for school trips for next year. A list will then be put out to pupils to choose from.

➤ **School Prom** – this Friday at Gales Hotel, all looking forward to it and fingers crossed for nice weather.

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<p>➤ <b>Junior and Senior Prize giving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Prize giving will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Great to be able to go back to that. Senior Prize giving date in September, once results are out.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Developing Young Workforce Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenwood’s Lovilicious Project was first in whole of Scotland. The 100<sup>th</sup> project, along with Auchenharvie, is in Construction. They have a poly tunnel and learn how to do bricklaying, monoblocking and other trades. Other projects - Bikeability, Upcycling, Events Management, Barista. In the pipeline Bee Keeping and Rural Skills. Behind a lot of this work is Walter Smith from the Princes Trust – Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce behind the funding. Walter is a champion of Greenwood and has been awarded an MBE for his services to Education and Young People. Congratulations on this award, a reflection of work done at Greenwood and elsewhere. A short video of projects is being put together by pupils and staff with filming on 15<sup>th</sup> June. These courses are accredited through SQA at levels 5 &amp; 6 and these add to the folio of qualifications young people have on their CV. Can also provide a career pathway into College.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>End of Term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to deliver courses right up to end of term. Using month of June to get started with courses. Last year we didn’t start courses until August. School closes at 1pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Lunchtime will begin early at 12:20pm.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Mental Health and Wellbeing Roadshow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health and Wellbeing roadshow in school today delivered by Louise King – a drop-in for staff and to find out about training staff on how to support pupils. Significant number looked at resources. Guidance staff very interested.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Topics for future Parent Council Meetings and Meeting Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any topics you want to hear from staff at next year’s meetings please send an email into school and this could be arranged. Once school calendar comes out with Briefing evening dates our meeting dates will be issued by Secretary.</li> <li>• Mrs Hegarty asked if online meetings still the preference, face-to-face meetings or a mixture of both. Secretary will email members to ask their preference.</li> <li>• Have a lovely summer break and enjoy your children. In-service day 17<sup>th</sup> August for staff and 18<sup>th</sup> August opens for pupils.</li> <li>• Final farewell to Susan and huge thanks for her encouragement and support.</li> <li>• Drive to recruit more parent council members at Prize giving and Briefing Evenings.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Any Other Business &amp; Any Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S Johnson suggested a University App that she found useful. She will share the details with Mrs Hegarty.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Date of Next Meeting – to follow.</b></p>	<p>CMcK</p>