# MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 @ 6:30pm by TEAMS GREENWOOD ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** K Hegarty – Head Teacher, C McKinlay – Secretary, C Kennedy – Treasurer,

6 Parents/Carers

Apologies: Mr Soave, Mrs Matthews

# 1. Welcome - K Hegarty

All welcomed to the first meeting of the year and thanked for attending. TEAMs used for the first time tonight because Zoom is only bookable in 40 minute slots.

Mrs Hegarty will chair the meetings until a new Chairperson is found. If interested, let Mrs Hegarty or Secretary, Mrs McKinlay know.

Main functions of Chairperson involve:

- ➤ Linking with Head Teacher
- Sharing any NAC/National information at Meetings
- Linking with inspection team if we are inspected this year

# 2. Last meeting Minutes 7/6/2022 approved and available on

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/greenwoodac/

### 3. Treasurer Report – C Kennedy

- ➤ Balance £937.24
- Parent Council can be involved in the forthcoming Participative Budget.
- ➤ Proposal to help with funding for the School Show no objections £150.00 to be provided from Parent Council Funds.

# 4. HT Update – K Hegarty

Mrs Hegarty gave a slide show to discuss the following:



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Groupcall.pdf

# Feedback on future Parents' Evenings

- 342 parents/carers responded to the survey in June 2022
- 248 wanted face-to-face Parents Meetings
- Some wanted a mix of face-to-face and online
- Staff vote was 50/50
- Taking everything into account vote is to go back to face-to-face meetings
- Parents' Booking online system will still be used
- Meetings to be held in the Atrium, teachers have a desk each
- 5 minute slots given with appointments spread out
- All Parents Evenings 4:30pm 6:30pm
- A link to a survey will be provided after each Parents' Evening to see if opinion has changed

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• All Briefing Evenings will be held online

#### School Results

- May 2022 exams were held, first time in 2 years due to Covid pandemic
- Exam results have been analysed
- Skills for work courses, each Unit given points
- "Insight" is the Benchmarking tool used to see how we are doing as a School and is due in September and February.
- Due to different exam system in last 2 years it is difficult to make comparisons
- In 2019 we carried out a review to look at qualifications. Only 6 qualifications were on offer. We now offer 7 qualifications to be in line with other NAC schools, this has been a successful change.
- Many gained their 8<sup>th</sup> qualification through Applications of Maths
- 10 pupils achieved 8As, 5 pupils achieved 7As and Bs or Cs for their 8<sup>th</sup> qualification.
- 1 pupil achieved 4 Highers and 1 Advanced Higher
- Some pupils did Units only and were given recognition for work they did but didn't sit exams.
- National Progression Awards will be shared when Insight comes out.
- Tracking Reports will help show pathways. Class teachers, young people and parents/carers can have conversations and make decisions about any changes required to keep them on track.
- BGE (Broad General Education) any concerns showing from tracking reports can be addressed by contacting Guidance Teachers, Class Teachers, Faculty Leads or Year Heads.
- L Mills said it was very good to see positive results in S6
- Appeals Process is ongoing and pupils/class teachers have submitted these to SOA.
- PSE classes are now having studying technique skills discussed

## Extra-Curricular Activities

- Children who feel part of the school do better in exam results
- Participation and social aspect of school being promoted
- Rich experiences can be gained which uphold school values
- 10 minute registration period every morning remind pupils what is on offer
- Supported Study and Easter school being planned
- Mr Neill pulling together everything that is available to pupils
- Amongst the opportunities available are:
  - o PRISM
  - Chess
  - o Lego Mindstorm Robotics
  - Debating Club
  - Sports Clubs
  - NASA Awards
  - Coaching and Mentoring

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# Cost of the School Day

Councillor Marie Burns met with Mrs Hegarty and the Senior Leadership Team to discuss Cost of the School Day. She will be visiting other Primary and Secondary Schools.

Discussions involved:

- Uniform NAC gave every school £5,000 for uniforms and Greenwood purchased more. Families discreetly helped. As well as clothing we have bags.
   Please tell anyone you know who would need support, Guidance Staff happy to help.
- School Trips PEF and school funds helped to bring down the costs of the Bounce Station trips held at the end of term. Bounce Station also gave some free passes for our Youth Worker to use over the summer holidays.
- **School Transport** issues with this at the minute include:
  - Any child within 3 miles not entitled to NAC transport, this takes in most of our catchment area.
  - Councillor Burns has contacted Stagecoach in the hope of influencing change.
  - Guidance and Office staff have raised the problems being reported by parents.
  - Depute Head, Carol Doig has asked for a face-to-face meeting with Stagecoach to impress on them the issues being experienced by parents/pupils.
  - Lack of drivers and changes to bus timetables
  - o Bigger uptake now with free bus travel using Young Scot Card
  - Some pupils being left at bus stops and parents/carers contacting School and Stagecoach to complain.
  - M-A Arnott has emailed the Chief Executive of Stagecoach about her concerns. She asked if she can attend Stagecoach meeting, as a parent representative, with C Doig. Mrs Hegarty thought this was a good idea, the date for the meeting undecided. She will communicate the meeting date when known.
  - Safety of pupils is of most importance and concern was raised by Mr Cowling about children walking in the dark to/from school. He also thought it was unfair if children were marked "late" through no fault of their own. Mrs Hegarty said the Senior Management Team will go out at the end of the school day with their yellow high visibility jackets to ensure safety. Stagecoach used to provide a Supervisor who decided who got on the buses but this was dropped when the Pandemic happened. PC Tate, Campus Police supervises the flow of traffic at
  - Texts are sent out to parents/carers in the morning when children do not register for school. Late coming is monitored over 4 week periods.

school. Mr Cowling was grateful for steps being taken in future.

- Issues of bad behaviour on some buses looked into through CCTV on the bus and by our Campus Police.
- If any pupil leaves school premises it is assumed they have gotten on a bus or been picked up. Any pupil left needs to come back into School and will be helped. This will be given as a reminder to pupils at Registration period.
- Greenwood Appeal funds raised and donations given to support families with food, energy costs etc. Guidance Teachers and our Youth Worker (Alison Duncan) have also provided help by delivering furniture, beds and duvets.

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	Home Economics – ingredients are supplied across NAC schools free of charge
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>	Inspections
	School inspections were suspended due to Covid restrictions. Education Scotland will
	carry out inspections until June 2023. Mrs Hegarty will inform Parent Council if
	Greenwood gets inspected, little notification is given.
	Full inspection (5 days), short inspection (3 days).
	Primary school inspections have started.
	Secondary school inspections start in October and the following areas are looked at:
	<ul> <li>Participation, promoting positive relationships</li> </ul>
	Anti-bullying Policy
	<ul> <li>How are schools responding to pupils struggling since the pandemic?</li> </ul>
	Learning and Teaching
	Wellbeing
	Curriculum structure
	Engagement
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector Agency involvement
5. Any	Other Business & Any Questions
	• First school show being planned and announced soon. Drama/Music Teachers
	involved along with staff and pupils, no one turned away from auditions. A real "buzz" in school about this.
	<ul> <li>Mrs Hegarty looking for input from Parent Council on which topics they would like</li> </ul>
	to see/discuss at meetings. Secretary to put out an email to members to ask for
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	<ul> <li>Secretary to add new email addresses to distribution list to ensure they receive</li> </ul>
	communications.
. Dat	e of Next Meeting – Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 6:30pm on TEAM's