

WHITEHIRST PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 2024

Those Present: Vicky Black, Vice Chair  
Carrie Anne Stewart, Member  
Laura McKinlay, Member  
Stephanie McGowan, Member  
Jemma Ferguson Member  
Jennifer Pless, Member  
Mrs Robertson, Head Teacher  
Miss Johnstone, Depute Head Teacher  
Gillian Macfarlane, Minutes

Apologies: Jordan McManus, Chair  
Louise Clark, Treasurer  
Nicola Brown, Member

1. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed.

2. **Treasurer Update**

Louise Clark sent in apologies to the meeting and will be asked to provide a full financial update to the next meeting to give us a clearer picture.

3. **Fundraising Update**

Nicola was unable to attend the meeting. Small discussion around the plans for fundraising for the rest of the school year. Whitehirst in the Park and another disco may be in the pipeline. Full update at next meeting.

4. **Head Teacher Update**

Staffing

One advert for classroom assistant posts until June 2024

Events/Achievements

Busy time in School over the next month with lots of events:

Word Gaelic Week is currently underway – W/C 19<sup>th</sup> February – concert and various activities planned

Burns – poetry competition final was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February. 3 Finalists will recite their poems at Kilwinning Burns Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

P7 Burns Supper scheduled for whole school on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Cross Country competition for P5-7 starting over the next few months

Cluster football on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Euro Quiz will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are all revising for the event!

Forthcoming Outings and events – Science Centre P5, 5/6 and 6 – Heart start for P7. P2 will be visiting the Harbour Arts centre to take advantage of a free movie showing of the Trolls.

P7 Leavers – P7 parents have formed a group to plan the leaver's events for this year's P7. Fundraising ideas are underway

Pupil Council Tuck Shop will be starting on a Friday morning. Items are 30p and under and children can only buy a maximum of 2 items.

6 P7 girls attended the North Ayrshire Schools Football Team trials.

P6 and P7 have a visit to Kilwinning Library to meet a Poet – Simon Lamb.

World Book day plans are underway for 7<sup>th</sup> March. Plans include Drop Everything and read and Teacher Swaps. Parent Council assistance with promoting or book swap.

P1 Transitions visits will start soon.

Mr Anderson attended Cycling Proficiency Training so we can get the cycling proficiency underway. Maybe recruit a parent helper for this?

### Quality Assurance

Our trio visit went very well. They visited all the classes and complimented the welcoming and nurturing environment in the school. Thank you to the parents who joined the focus group.

Cluster working next term planned from staff feedback

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ Whitehirst Park Primary**

Moderation Focus – Keynote from Pamela McCallum

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April @ Pennyburn Primary**

Tree of Knowledge

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ Kilwinning Academy**

Showcase and celebration of Cluster Collegiate

- PLA continue to work with school for remainder of month in line with SIP priority on Reading, supporting staff, pupils and parents with reading, phonics across the school and play in early years.

## After School Clubs

Monday after school	P2 Athletics after school ( <i>Finishes 26th Feb</i> )
Tuesday after school	P5 Dance Tuesday after school ( <i>Finishes 27th February</i> ) Dungeons and Dragons
Wednesday after school	P7 Football - Lunch P7 Netball – after school
Thursday	P4 Tennis – lunch – ( <i>finishes 22nd February</i> ) P1 Multisports – after school – ( <i>finishes 29th February</i> ) Magic the Gathering
Friday	P5-7 Cross Country Coding – <i>Finishes 8th March</i>

### **5 Any Other Business**

5.1 – Application submitted for Tesco Blue Tokens. No further update available.

5.2 - Available Funding discussion. Possibility of sourcing funding for a sensory garden. Discussion on Community Investment fund through locality partnership. Jennifer Pless will share information with the group on her submission for this funding.

5.3 – Cash for kids funding – involves a lot of fundraising within the school community. Vicky will check with Nicola for her thoughts.

5.4 – Parents Night - Looking for assistance with the Uniform Shop at parent's night. School will send out a message. P7 parents will have a raffle at parent's night to assist with their fundraising. There will also be a stall from PLA and Young Carers.

5.5 – Stephanie McGowan shared information with the group on the Scottish Languages bill. Looking for feedback from GME Parents and GME Educators by 8th March.

### **6 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 19th March 2024 at 7pm.