



Meeting Title:	Parent Council Minutes
Date:	02/03/2022
Time:	19:15
Location:	ZOOM -642-595-8750
Attendees:	SA - Siobhan Alston (Acting Head Teacher) Leanne McDermott (Chair) Lynn Coleman (Secretary) Debbie Grey (Treasurer) Lorraine Senior (Board member) John Reid (Board Member) Donna Monaghan (Board Member) Alan Masterton (Councillor) Tom Fisher (Councillor)

1.0 Previous Minutes

All agreed

2.0 HT Update

- There has been a number of Covid cases in the school recently spreading through 3 school years. SA has requested from NLC that the mid- day clean is reinstated – this is still be confirmed by NLC.
- World book is planned for the 4th of March and the children and teachers are very excited. This will be a classroom-based event with no dressing up required. Scotia Books kindly donated a book for every child in the school – thank you!!!
- School will be getting rewired – hopefully at the end of June 2022. Temporary units will be installed in the infant playground to accommodate the children throughout works. SA suggested to NLC that the toilet refurbishment works are undertaken at the same time, however, this will be confirmed.
- Yellow - Zig Zag lines – NLC have submitted plans to extend the yellow lines, and these will become enforceable by the police. Further public consultation will take place in due course – dates to be confirmed.
- Assemblies are back on in school and this is freeing up 11 hours of teaching time for learning support.
- Miss Goh will be retained as P4 teacher and Mrs Marshall will continue to be the school maths champion.
- Nursery transition – this is taking place every Thursday in the school playground and infant breakout area. External nursery transition will likely resume after the easter break depending on NLC restrictions. Placing requests dates are still to be confirmed and phased into the programme.
- P7 leavers hoodies – the cost of these will be met by the school with donation from fundraising committee. SA will confirm is any other goodies will be donated- LM asked about calculators.
- Campsie funding – NLC have still to confirm the preferred route for procuring the works. LM has also emailed Gary Stark for an update.
- SA noted that she has requested that NLC do some works to the pitch to allow it to be usable. NLC still to confirm.
- SA will be invited to the tax office to pick some chairs for the ICT room.



- Julie Hogg and SA will provide a reading strategy guide for parents. SA highlighted that partner reading with your children is important.
- Comic Relief – will be celebrated in the school with loads of free events including temporary tattoos, hair braiding, dress down, odd socks. Box will be available for donations if anyone wishes to donate but there will be no pressure to do so.

3.0 School Safety

- Attempted abduction incident that was reported a number of weeks ago in the letter from SA – no comment can be made from the school other than the details in the letter. However SA confirmed the school always prioritise the safety of all the children.

4.0 Poverty Proofing Our School

- LC provided an update on poverty proofing – uniform swap page, promotion of community pantries, working with the school to provide free fun events for the children. LC will arrange to meet with the teachers to discuss the strategy going forward and has notified parents on Facebook of the activities that have been going on to poverty proof our school. Our strategy will be tailored to meet feedback from the school and parents.

5.0 Dilapidated condition of areas around school

- LM shared photos of the overflowing bins, litter, glass and loose brickwork and concrete. AM noted that he has raised the dog waste and litter issues with the council and there has been a number of complaints about the large bin not getting emptied frequently. Many parents raised the issue to the parent council that they were concerned about the environmental health risk. SA noted that she (along with the school janitor) picks up waste on a daily basis. The parent council agreed this is something that they wish to take forward and push for improvements to the area.

6.0 P5 Swimming

- No update at present.

7.0 Parent Forum Issues

- Honouring Jackie – LM highlighted that the family have given permission to the parent council to honour Jackie our much loved and missed Lollipop Lady. LM has contacted NLC to request permission for a plaque at the school crossing, however, awaits the response. The idea of honouring Jackie with a bench for the senior school was discussed and DM will take this idea to the fundraising committee to potentially do a fund-raising event for a bench.
- School patrol issues – emergency cover is being undertaken by the school janitor, but this is becoming more than emergency cover. The inconsistency of the crossing attendance is concerning for parents as they can't rely on assistance for their children. AM noted he would contact NLC regarding this issue.
- Ukraine fear- LM noted that P3 had watched a Newsround extract which contained details about Ukraine. SA noted she would discuss with staff how to communicate the events to children without creating panic or fear.
- Playground covid rules - LM asked when parents would be allowed back into the playground. SA will confirm as soon as she hears from NLC.
- After school clubs- likely to start with Judo after Easter but specific dates to be confirmed.
- Music tuition- DG asked about music tuition for the school – SA confirmed the NLC provide music tuition from P5 onwards.
- Summer trip- DG asked about summer trips. SA confirmed that this is undecided due to the risk assessment process currently required by NLC.



- Parent council minutes and information will be uploaded to the parent council section on the school website -
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/WestfieldWonders/parent-council-21-22/>

8.0 Outdoor Play Event

- LM will create a leaflet to promote outdoor play on the Facebook – dates to be confirmed.

9.0 Fundraising Committee update

- Easter eggs are being sourced. A new committee member has joined Heather Allan (P5 & P2) 3 other parents have said they will assist if required.

10.0 Financial update

- Current bank balance £4648.73 (£3000 ring-fenced for playground)
- Expected credit of £53.57 for Q4 2021 EasyFundraising.

11.0 AOB

10.0 Date of next meeting