



Kildrum Primary School

Parent Council

[Meeting Minutes](#)
[9th October 2017](#)



Present:

PC Representatives

Ricky Neil, Jennie McGregor, Lindsey Anne Hoe, Diane White, Robert Aird, Angela Hamilton, Donna O'Neil

School Representatives

Kate Watt and Karen McBride

Apologies: George Robertson, Debbie McPhee, Debbie Johnson

Visitors

Local Councillor Gillian Fannan and North Lanarkshire Education Officer David Craig

Welcome parents to parent council meeting.

School Updates

It's been a busy term, pupil council has been elected and will meet soon.

Mrs. French will return from leave after October holiday, this will relieve Mrs. Davis and Mrs. McBride back to other school duties.

There have been support groups this term including rainbow reading and IDL app, parents meetings will take place on 9th Nov.

P5 had their open afternoon last week and P6 will have theirs next week. Class assemblies will start after the October holidays. Senior pupils from Cumbernauld Academy have been visiting school and working with classes within the school. There will be a children's rights show next week.

Parent Council Update

Bank account- we have requested 2yrs bank statements from RBS so an audit can be completed.

There was mixed feelings from parents on the Facebook post with regards to leavers disco (Prom). It is appreciated that the event present challenges to parents with hiring of cars and expensive dresses / outfits etc. It was also highlighted that hiring of cars can be divisive when numbers are limited in vehicles. On the other hand, parents have a right to invest in the event in a manner that they see fit. Either way the school cannot dictate how and what parent spend / prepare for such an event.

Questions are being prepared for a survey that P6 and P7 parents can feedback. Children will also be involved in class discussions with a view to keep or change the event. Other activities and costings will be looked at.

Home Economics Room

David gave us an update on what is happening with the plans to develop a home economics room safety. He apologised on behalf of NL for the time in progressing the room which has had funding for some time. The main challenge is to assess and identify the electric supply is adequate to support the electric appliances. David is liaising with the NL infrastructure team to speed up the process and is hopeful this project can be complete by the end of the current financial year.

New Boundary Fencing

Football pitch- there are ongoing fencing issues and ground maintenance checks that need to take place. It is felt that the boundary fence is not correct and that the area is not secure.

Kate will contact Sharon McCalley regarding these issues. David will also speak to his contact Judy and have her contact Kate with regards to help with funding and training.

Grounds for Learning is an organization that can come and advise on best use of space. This will be investigated and can be paid for with Pupil Equity Funding.

Gillian also advised that Local Area Partnership offer funding and that can be accessed by coming along to next meeting with plans on what funding is needed for (LAP meeting Dec 7th)

Any Other Business

On 2nd August 2017 the Parent Council sent a letter to various Government & Local Council representatives expressing our concerns about budget cuts and what appears to be different application of rules across various local councils. Both of which appears to disadvantage Kildrum Primary and other NL schools.

Councilor Gillian Fannan was one of few representatives to respond to our letter and offered to join our Parent Council meeting with Education Officer David Craig to openly discuss the challenges in managing education budgets

Gillian and David discussed at length the budgets and cuts and then gave an explanation on why this affected classroom assistant staff. Whilst the rationale is understood it was still recognised that reducing headcount has a major impact on day to day activity within the school.

Currently there are no pools of supply teachers and NL are working hard to improve the situation and find ways attracting teachers and motivating people to this career path.

Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) was discussed in relation to the frustrations of how it is and is not allowed to be use. David described how difficult it would be to measure the impact the PEF money will have.

Discussed possible ways to use PEF and discussed decisions the school have made.

We appreciate and thank Gillian & David for their time in attending the meeting and the open and frank discussion on the subject. It was found to be very useful and improved our understanding of the situation.

It is our hope that we have re-enforced our concerns and that it may be considered in future decision making within NLC & NL Education

Next Meeting Planned – Monday 27th November 2017 at 6pm
J McGregor 12/10/2017