



Wallace Primary School Parent Council
Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 18th September 2019, 7pm

Present	Head Teacher Susan Dalrymple (SD) Deputy Head Teacher Lynne Docherty (LD) Deputy Head Teacher Diana Brooker (DB) Council Members Kate Murray (KM) Sarah Kidd (SK) Cat Robinson (CR) Claire Bunting, Treasurer (CB) Krista Russell, Events (KR) Emma Rankin (ER) Claire Graham (CG) Eve Barr (EB) Elaine Wong (EW) Lorraine Rooney (LR) Margaret McLeod, Grants (MMcL) Rashid Khaliq (RK) Donna Low (DL) Tara Gibson (TG) Kirsty Wilson (KW) Lynn Yates (LY) Linda MacMillan (LMac) representing Elderslie Community Council Chairperson Kenny Campbell (KC)
Apologies	Michelle McNairn (Communications) Sarah Cooper Deborah Whyte
Action	
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Results of Parent Council Questionnaire</u></p> <p>66 responses were received and it was noted that the results were mixed. Constructive criticism included that the Parent Council explore options of different disco formats or even an alternative to discos. It was suggested to the Parent Council that meeting times were changed or varied. The intention of the Parent Council is to use the results of the questionnaire as a template for moving forward with future Events, Meetings, etc.</p> <p>It was positive to read that two thirds of parents who completed the questionnaire are willing to volunteer for future events and this level of engagement was noted in recent times in association with the School Playground Campaign that appeared to galvanise support from parents and the community. So much so that the by-product of the campaign was donations to the school of £2000.00 from Rays of Hope and a further donation from Barratt Homes of £500.00. The Barratt donation was initiated by Jay Stewart, a pupil of Wallace Primary School, who contacted the house builder highlighting the campaign.</p> <p>Parents / carers to help at future events are so important. Ideas and suggestions are most welcome – please contact us via social media or email as noted at the end of the minutes.</p> <p><u>Dates of Meetings and Events</u></p> <p>A Year Planner containing a list of dates and times that relate to the School Calendar was circulated by the Head Teacher. Details of Meetings and Events of the Parent Council have been incorporated into this document.</p>	

Matters Arising

Treasurer Report

The current balance of the account was reported as £2141.57.

Recent donations from the Parent Council to the school are as follows: -

£693.58 – Parent Council funds allocated for end of term purchases:

- School ties for nursery graduation and P7 leavers.
- Dictionaries for P7 leavers

£1800.00 – School lottery funds allocated to support ICT purchases

£1800.00 – Parent Council funds allocated to support the purchase of new STEM resources:

- Lego Education kits
- Coding caterpillars.

Election of Parent Council Members

Kenny Campbell recently confirmed that he would be stepping down from the role as Parent Council Chair at the end of the meeting of 18th September 2019.

Margaret McLeod was duly elected during the meeting by the Council Members as the new Parent Council Chair.

The Parent Council Secretary position remains open.

Head Teachers Report

ICT Purchases

The proposed purchase of tablet PCs using funds donated to the school from the Parent Council at Christmas are on hold until Renfrewshire Council arrange an ICT Maintenance Contractor.

School Trip

It was proposed that the Parent Council part fund a trip for all children of Wallace Primary School and Nursery Class. A donation of £5.00 from the Parent Council for each child was agreed. The School / Nursery roll is approximately 400 pupils resulting in a total donation in the order of £2000.00.

School Improvement Plan

A summary of the school improvement plan was shared:

1. Key focus: Health and Wellbeing: PATHS (Positive Alternative Thinking Strategies), RNRA (Nurture approach) and Positive Relationships Policy
2. Continue to embed changes in Literacy and Numeracy
3. Develop curriculum: Curriculum rationale, ICT, Pupil profiling and homework
4. Methodologies: ELCC Moderation, Outdoor learning, Play pedagogy.

Consultation is ongoing for many areas of improvement and focus groups are being set up for the following areas:

1. Curriculum Rationale
2. HWB Curriculum
3. Homework Policy
4. Positive Relationships

Draft copies of these policies and the Standards & Quality Report were made available for the Parent Council to view.

Correspondence

Roads Closure Pilot Scheme

Renfrewshire Council have recently announced commencement of a School Parking Campaign. Funding has been made available by the Council and it is hoped that this will include the re-introduction of a Road Safety Officer for the Renfrewshire area.

Part of the campaign was a pilot scheme to close roads, adjacent to a number of Renfrewshire schools. Despite support from Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, the Parent Council has been advised that Wallace Primary School and Nursery Class has not been chosen on this occasion for the scheme. We have been advised however that if the scheme is successful, there is the potential to extend road closures in the future to other schools.

AOCB

Parent Council Gardening Community

The Parent Council Gardening Community will be meeting monthly. Communication will be issued advising dates/times. Optional open to all parents/carers and pupils to pop along.

Parking

Despite the commencement of the school parking campaign, the Head Teacher and a number of Council Members highlighted continuing issues in relation to speeding vehicles, illegal parking and unacceptable behaviour from drivers. Linda MacMillan advised that she would contact the Community Policeman to request attendance during drop off/pick up times at the school.

School Bus

Both the School and Parent Council have received complaints regarding a recent change of bus stop at Hillman Crescent. Following a change to the Contractor that operate the school bus route, the new Contractor contacted SPT requested a change of bus stop from Hillman Crescent to a main trunk road (Linwood Road) due to safety concerns.

The Deputy Head Teacher, Lynne Docherty, has advised that the safety concerns are currently being investigated by the Department of Environment and Infrastructure who will carry out a Risk Assessment. The school have been advised that the bus stop will remain on the trunk road until further notice.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th November at 3.30pm.

Parents do not need to attend the meetings to become involved, Wallace Parent Council can be contacted as noted below and we would love to hear from you...

Email: wallaceparentcouncil@gmail.com

Twitter: @WallaceCouncil

Facebook: @wallaceprimaryparentcouncil