

Wallace Primary School Parent Council Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 1st November 2022

Present:-Susan Dalrymple (SD) Headteacher Lynne Docherty (LD) Deputy Headteacher Diana Brooker (DB) Charlotte Boyle (CB) Chairperson Treasurer Claire Bunting (CXB) Marjorie Wilson (MW) Assistant Treasurer Antonia Aitken (AA) Secretary **Council Members** Linda McMillan (LM) Elaine Rodgerson (ER) Sahrish Usman (SU) Lisa McCartney (LMc) Kirsty Wilson (KW)

Apologies:-

Lorissa Kennedy Gemma Hill Louise Moore Iain Stephenson Emma Rankin

Item of business	Action
Opening Remarks	
Introductions of all	SD to circulate constitution.
Purpose of What's App group – not ongoing dialogue; just for notifications	
re meetings/quick decisions, etc. Any big issues can be e-mailed over.	
Update from previous meeting	
Fence painting – no volunteers yet.	
Social media set up.	
Application for grant from Miller Homes has been submitted (awaiting response).	DB to forward AC details for additional grant.
Lottery licence renewed. Can be promoted.	Circulate details again via SeeSaw &
Sponsorship – no response as yet from Stuart Easton.	social media.
Headteacher's Report	
Positive first term back to school.	
Quality Assurance Visit last week. Amelia Hall is new Education Manager, works closely with the school. Really positive visit – HGIOS (How Good Is Our School). High level of pupil engagement in learning in all classes.	

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Children aware of what they're learning and able to articulate what they're doing. Impressed with how staff and pupils have embraced Talk For Writing. She also met with group of children – who all had good feedback.	
Ongoing parking issues from surrounding areas. Forward on to Community Police and Fiona Muir (Road Safety Officer for Renfrewshire Council). Fiona Muir will be attending school tomorrow to discuss with children and will be present at parents' night. Any suggestions can be brought to her.	Any suggestions – please contact SD.
Parents' night will be taking place next week – first time in 2 years it is 'in person'. Book Fair will be there – school receives commission from all sales, goes back into school library. Management will be present, but no fixed consultation so that focus remains on parking issues.	
Book Week w/c 14 th November 2022. Children love ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) time. Parents may be invited in from 2.30pm to share storytime. Theme is going to be "reading together". Buddying up between classes, etc. Presentation after school for parents to explain book banding, accelerated reader. Seeking volunteers for reading story to child's class. Bookbug in nursery.	Any suggestions – please contact SD.
School Improvement Plan	
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – Miss Harper has responsibility for school and Rosina for nursery. Trying to build this into curriculum so children understand rights and the language surrounding their rights.	
RNRA (Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach) – started 18 months ago, looking at trauma-informed practice. Staff focus group who meet each term to discuss this, representatives across all ages of school. Questionnaire response was analysed by educational psychologist and suggested action plan. Continuing with this – looking at physical environment. Support staff have been working on new nurture room – "soft space" outside P3 with sofas, etc. Lots of visitors – counselling, specialists. Relaxed space for these visits or if anyone needs time out. Creating spaces within the school to help children deescalate. Looking at approach across school so that there are spaces within classrooms.	
Looking at strategies and ways to make environment easier for anyone with ASN. Whole school staff going to be trained on RICE in February and then RNRA group will look at action plan and any improvements. Strategies may be targeted towards children with communication difficulties but will well benefit all children.	
Support staff trained in Circle of Friends. Targeted support for a child if they are finding friendships quite difficult. Parent has to give consent. Has to be consent from other children in the case. Can now offer as staff have been trained, so can be rolled-out.	

Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) – approach (used lots in England and Ireland) for positive behaviour within schools, nurseries, care homes and social care. De-escalation strategies, understanding challenging behaviour, calming situation for everyone. Staff are going to be trained on strategies. There will also be NVR parent groups, school was a pilot school – so a few families have attended, run by Home Link Service.	
Attendance and late coming – 94.6% is average pupil attendance across the school (not including nursery), dropped from 96% previous year. Letters issued if attendance drops below a certain level, trying to highlight it to parents. Looking at different ways to support families.	Any suggestions – speak to SD.
Outdoor learning – nursery do it really well, so trying to get balance throughout the school. Looking at further staff training and parent-helpers. Loose parts hub which Mr. Paterson is using with the children.	
Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) has been reduced – based on number of children in school with free school meals, committed for next 3 years. At moment spent on class teacher for 2 days a week and part-time classroom assistant. Extra support allows further programs to be run – IDL, reading eggs, wellbeing checks, etc.	
Nursery class – toward end of year the nursery staff complete assessment of child's attainment, broken down into areas of curriculum. Assessing whether children making progress. Within nursery not always possible to have concentrated time with keyworker – so this year it has been moderated, focus on activities to demonstrate whether child at early stages or demonstrating consistency.	
Talk For Writing – writing is lowest area in terms of attainment. Impact of COVID. Positive so far, but will monitor throughout the year. Staff are working with teachers from 4 other schools in a team to moderate approach.	
ICT in nursery – there are a number of devices and resources but definite room for improvement. Action plan is in place, with wish list of resources. Not just about devices.	
<u>Treasurer's Report</u> CXB is standing down, will do a handover to MW.	
Balance is £3,161.40. All up to date in terms of payments to school and lottery licence. Halloween Disco generated profit of £329.	
Halloween Disco DebriefWell-attended. Profitable. Good feedback for Disco Dave. Really helpfulfrom school perspective that LK did Tesco shop direct, discount of approx.£20 (weigh up against running around LK did).	
Big PTA Quiz Unfortunately, a no-go. Website called Parent Kind (equivalent of Connect). Doesn't operate in Scotland. Council pay subscription for	

Connect. Lots of ideas for fundraising, suppliers directory. Worthwhile	
looking at.	
<u>Communications & social media</u> Connect ran course online. ER & LK attended.	
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Considering how best to communicate with target audience. Mailchimp for surveys. Facebook – closed group? Twitter for pushing out information (no	
messages in, one-way only). What's App – good for small group	
communications, shares mobile numbers, etc. YouTube – accessible, but	
image use and permissions can be difficult. Instagram – good for images,	
films, "younger", written permission required for any children in images.	
TikTok – short videos, consent required.	
Required: social media code of conduct and communications plan	To be drafted.
(monthly). Can use package to time posts.	
Consent for any images – parental consent and child's own consent	
(overrides parental permission). Requires to be written consent.	
SeeSaw – direct link between school and household.	SD happy to
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	events, etc. on
	behalf of PTC.
Evergreen Elderslie	
Elderslie Community Council taking part in Keep Scotland Beautiful 'Its	
Your Neighbourhood' for the last few years, did non-judged category.	
Trying to improve local area and encourage community engagement. Very	
few volunteers. School pupils helped with identifying name and emblem.	
LM has assisted with chatterbox and school outdoor projects (painting,	School happy to assist with litter-
gardening, etc).	
	picking, etc. – DB Eco Committee. SD
	can announce to
	parent helper
	group.
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Incredible Edibles – look into, funding options, etc.	
Christmas Jumpers	
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Whole school let (no kitchen) – full access of stage.	
P7s can assist with games. CXB has some resources in storage.	
CB – Mrs Claus, within nursery area – another school (chocolate). Selection boxes – Tesco.	CB to source outfit for Mrs Claus. Check if LK can
Raffle tickets – to be sent home & available on the day.	source selection
Non-uniform day for donations for raffles/tombolas. Friday, 25 th November 2022.	
Christmas Presents	
Presents for nursery, P1-3. Approx. 200 gifts. Budget approx. £5 per head. Unisex.	All to explore options.
The Works deals on games. 10 books for £10. Book fair. Stationery.	

Next meeting (focus on Christmas only):-Monday, 14th November 2022 – 3.30pm (after literacy presentation).

Next full meeting:-

Monday, 9th January 2023 – 3pm (focus on constitution and communication policy).