



Wallace Primary School Parent Council
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 24th January 2024

Present:-

Headteacher	David Rigmand (DR)
Depute Headteacher	Diana Brooker (DB)
Chair	Natalie Burgess (NB)
Secretary	Antonia Aitken (AA)
Council Members	Linda MacMillan
	Donna McNicholl
	Iain Stephenson
	Janelle Milne

Apologies:-

Council Members	Claire Bunting
	Jennifer Phillips
	Lynne Docherty
	Charlotte Boyle
	Marjorie Wilson
	Emma Rankin
	Louise Moore
	Tracy Scott
	Kirsty Thornton

Item of business	Action
<p><u>Head Teacher’s Report</u></p> <p>Very successful Christmas period – highlighted in most recent newsletter.</p> <p>Current roll – 381 across school and ELCC.</p> <p>Olivia Collins O’Donnell is new ASNA – joining shortly on 25-hour contract. Appointed 10-hour ASNA post – Michelle Brown. Keith, Health and Wellbeing Assistant, joined in November – working well with groups across the school. Transition teacher Rachel Fulton will join from Castlehead from 5th February 2024.</p> <p>Scottish Day of Dance has been moved from this Thursday until next Friday, 2nd February 2024 to allow classes more time to prepare.</p> <p>50th anniversary – going to organise a show in March (26th & 27th) afternoon and evening show. Theme will be ‘Through the Decades’. School opened 13th May 1974. Trying to capture as much history as possible to share, have logbooks dating back to 1930s.</p> <p>Family learning experiences – STEM club are building a car (9 schools in Renfrewshire involved, will race against one another) and video game is</p>	

also being created. Burns Supper is this Friday afternoon – P6 parents are invited in, along with Chairperson of PTC and Minister. ELCC have new home learning bags going home. P1-3 football club also starting, led by parent. Hoping to get cricket sessions up and running with professional. P1 were out today searching for the 'Big Bad Wolf' with the assistance of parent helpers.

Students currently in P1/2, P2 and P4. Student from Czech Republic joining us in March to experience Scottish curriculum.

Extra-curricular – football, badminton, netball, drama, basketball (NBA opportunity again this year), multi-sports for P1-3, computer, arts & crafts and sports. Keith also running club in library on a Monday lunchtime with board games, etc.

P7 residential trip approaching – 3rd June 2024. Will be in contact with P7 parents. LD is working with P7 on what their event will look like at the end of year – whether prom or fun day.

SeeSaw is coming up for renewal - £2,000 cost for the school.

Relationships Policy is currently under review. All feedback from consultation and survey appreciated. Have also been obtaining pupil feedback. Will be discussed at in-service day in February. In March looking to bring parent focus groups in, with a view to new policy being introduced in August.

School Improvement Plan – first priority is inclusion and wellbeing, second is learning, teaching and assessment, third is focused on STEM and finally raising attainment in ELCC. Progress will be reviewed at in-service day. Staff have been trained in 'Who Cares Scotland' and The Circle. Renfrewshire have also rolled out staged intervention process. Talk For Writing is working well in capturing children's imagination and following story through – P1 are excellent example of this with their trip into community re Big Bad Wolf. Staff going to be trained from Royal Society of Chemistry – making science accessible to everyone, also targets what resources are to be used. Insight into Industry Event for P7 later in the session, introducing pupils to careers and giving an idea of what STEM careers are out there – will be working across Cluster. James Dyson kits have been out. Looking into STEM award for endorsing best practice across Scotland and whether practice this session merits an application. Recently introduced Forest HQ at ELCC – WH Malcolm donated shipping container. ELCC have also re-established link with Capability Scotland. ROAR Group in Johnstone have also agreed to create a link for intergenerational working.

Other things coming up – project groups (Pupil Council, Eco Committee, etc.). P3 are involved in Right to Dance Project Miss Harper applied for – 4-week block of dancing and they'll create a show in March. Each month there is a Pupil Voice Assembly where pupils split into their houses and discuss issues so that pupil opinions can be captured (this week's focus

<p>is Burns as well as wellbeing across the school). World Book Day is 7th March 2024. Science Week starts 8th March 2024. Cross Country event approaching (date TBC). Athletics event also to be organised. Dodgeball team have been invited to Scottish Finals later this session.</p> <p>P7 gifts for later in the session. Previous supplier for ties is no longer in business. Pens bought last year. Ties – nursery approx. 30, 40 in P7.</p>	
<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u> Balance £6,382.18 (approx. £3K is aside for trim trail)</p> <p>£2,528.90 raised from Christmas Fayre.</p> <p>Since last meeting, we have received £44.72 from Easy Fundraising and £386.20 from School Lottery.</p> <p>Still to be deducted: books for Christmas gifts.</p> <p>ParentPay balance TBC.</p>	<p>CB to liaise with school office re ParentPay balance and books to be deducted.</p>
<p><u>PVGs</u> Regular visitors to school are to be checked.</p> <p>Helpers at events, i.e. toilets, probably best if these are PVG checked.</p>	<p>AA can check in volunteer group for PVG holders.</p>
<p><u>Funding Wishlist</u> Pitch – quote for upgrade means that this is not viable option for PTC fundraising (previously quote of £80K many years ago, most recent quote was £260K). All existing equipment, whether in playground or within school building, is risk-assessed routinely.</p> <p>Grants wise – Sports Scotland, National Lottery.</p> <p>Promethean Board – 1 final board required. Also outdoor learning equipment/hub for lower school and ELCC.</p> <p>Application has been made to Tesco for cooking equipment. Further application has been made to Co-op in respect of outdoor equipment.</p> <p>Renew pledge for £5 per child for school trips throughout the year.</p> <p>Ties for new P1s and P7 leavers also to be funded (along with pen for P7s).</p>	
<p><u>Litter</u> LM willing to attend for organised litter pick with younger children – 2nd February 2024– LM will attend, can organise equipment via Team Up to Clean Up.</p> <p>Evergreen Elderslie can attend to tidy up outdoor area at the front of school, can attempt to dig it all out. Eco Committee could come out and help if required. LM will liaise with DB re date for this.</p>	

<p><u>Parent Questions</u></p> <p>Wet weather policy – appeal for board games, etc. Ideally there are spares shoes in each child’s bag/left in school within drawstring bag.</p> <p>Lunches – 3 different hatches each day – first checks order against name given main meal, second hatch is help yourself with soup and fruit etc., third is milk/water. There was an issue last week where they ran out of soup.</p> <p>Crossing patrol – further up Glenpatrick Road? Already stationed at Greenhill/Glenpatrick and Renshaw. Reasoning would appear to be that you can walk down Glenpatrick Road along pavement and then cross at Greenhill, this saves crossing multiple roads on other side.</p> <p>Bus escort/bus safety – issues need to be reported ASAP via school to SPT (issue re seatbelts seem to be resolved). Responsibility of parents to ensure kids are picked up.</p>	<p>AA can publish request on social media for games, etc.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Dates</u></p> <p>PTC Meeting Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at 6pm</p> <p>Spring Disco Thursday, 21st March 2024</p> <p>PTC Meeting Tuesday, 23rd April 2024 at 3pm</p> <p>PTC Meeting Tuesday, 28th May 2024 at 6pm</p> <p>Family BBQ & Bounce - Friday 10th or 17th. – disco, ice cream van, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter hair, raffle, stalls. 4-6pm.</p>	<p>CB to book lets.</p> <p>AA to liaise with butchers/coffee shop re assistance with BBQ.</p>

Next meeting:-

Tuesday, 20th February at 6pm.