



Wallace Primary School Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 1st October 2024

Present:-

Headteacher	David Rigmand (DR)
Depute Headteacher	Diana Brooker (DB) Lynne Docherty (LD)
Chair	Iain Stephenson (IS)
Secretary	Antonia Aitken (AA)
Council Members	Lauren Paterson

Apologies:-

Council Members	Claire Bunting (Treasurer) Donna McNicholl (Vice Treasurer) Linda McMillan (Elderslie CC) Tracy Scott Kirsty Thornton Charlotte Boyle Marjorie Wilson Emma Rankin Louise Moore Janelle Milne Lorissa Kennedy Natalie Burgess Kirsty Wilson
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Item of business	Action
<p><u>Head Teacher's Report</u></p> <p>Busy start to session. School roll has increased to 417. Nursery is at capacity (currently 41 but will increase to 54 as year progresses). Harvest service is this week.</p> <p>Parents and carers in to help. Healthy volunteer numbers. Barry Lang has been running basketball, Miss Satera running extreme fitness. Majority of volunteers within school are assisting with reading groups. Extra-curricular clubs up and running. Lynsey Dawson is new active schools coordinator. Next term competitions start for football, netball, dodgeball, handball and basketball.</p> <p>Newsletter will be issued this month highlighting successes from the term. Fair Trade Event was shared in Paisley Express.</p> <p>International educators were in on Thursday last week – 17 teachers from 17 countries attended to experience Scottish education at Wallace.</p>	

<p>School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report have been published on the website and can be accessed by the general public.</p> <p>Playground tidiness and cleanliness – office have been trying to source new bins with logo, lots of helpers keeping place tidy (Eco Committee and playground assistants).</p> <p>The school have opted to take part in social media pilot – local authorities looking to explore best and most effective ways to communicate with parents. Encouraging move away from X (Twitter) for a variety of reasons. They recommend a closed Facebook group, which allows some control. SeeSaw would be for ‘call to action’ type posts.</p> <p>Local authority has an inspection coming up with His Majesty’s Inspectorate – 8th and 9th October 2024. Requesting that parents involved in school improvement, i.e. those in PTC, join a focus group (1.5 hours) to discuss involvement and working collaboratively with the school.</p> <p>Request has been issued to curtail trading of Pokemon and football cards as it has been disruptive to class following on from break/lunch times. These have not been banned as yet.</p> <p>Scottish Assembly of Parents & Carers being introduced by the Govt to gather insights and opinions. PTC invited to apply and wider parent group.</p> <p>Nicola Jackson has secured sponsors for girls’ football and netball – Scott Graham and Danny Muir.</p>	
<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>CB has now been in touch with school office to reconcile ParentPay balance and all should be back to zero for the school year ahead.</p> <p>Figures from last school year will be audited within the next week or so. However, to summarise last year we donated £1,983.22 for new Promethean Board, £455.85 for ties, £220 for nursery balloons, £83.74 for P7 pens and £1,475 towards trips.</p> <p>Are funds for a further Promethean Board to be donated now? Yes.</p> <p>Head count for P1-7 for school trips? 362. P7 (50 pupils) included as the school are considering a whole school trip this year.</p> <p>All lets are in for 2024, although confirmation of staffing awaited re Christmas Fayre. CB will send a reminder re this.</p> <p>Balance as at today’s date: £6,075.95.</p>	<p>CB: funds to be transferred for further promethean board. Head count for school is 362 – funds can be transferred (now or later) for subsidised school trips.</p>
<p><u>Update re income</u></p> <p>Asda Rewards – £399.15. There are 60 days remaining.</p>	<p>AA will circulate information re each of</p>

<p>School Lottery – last year raised £1,426.90. We currently have 49 tickets per week across 31 supporters.</p> <p>Easy Fundraising – last year raised £62.37.</p>	<p>these on social media to encourage more participants (particularly lottery).</p>
<p><u>Grants</u> AA was contacted by a parent who suggested we apply to Paisley Community Health Trust for a donation. Their funding can be used to encourage health and wellbeing. Something to keep in mind for kits for clubs or sports equipment, or perhaps even kitchen equipment for cooking classes? Applications go before their committee for approval but there is usually a quick turnaround. AA forwarded this to Nicola Jackson at the time re the school netball team, but Danny Muir at Elderslie Coffee Shop has generously agreed to sponsor the team/purchase their kits.</p>	<p>AA will forward information on this to DB, who may submit an application for funding to PCHT.</p>
<p><u>What's App Usage</u> Following on from the last meeting, LK looked at Connect for Social Media guidelines. The resources available there are aimed at Parent Councils, so not what had been mentioned (i.e. parent/pupil groups). There are some resources directed at parents monitoring/educating their children about safe What's App usage, so that may be capable of being used as a prompt for best practice?</p>	<p>Nothing further required in this regard.</p>
<p><u>Halloween Disco</u> Disco Dave has confirmed his attendance.</p> <p>Snacks – LD.</p> <p>Decorations – we have some from last year, but can pick up some extras to top up.</p> <p>Helpers – AA will circulate request within volunteer group.</p> <p>Advertising – AA will produce graphic and circulate this on social media and pass to DR so that this can be shared on SeeSaw.</p> <p>P1-3: 6-7.15pm and P4-7: 7.30-8.45pm.</p> <p>Tickets £2 inc. snack & drink.</p>	<p>LD to organise snacks.</p> <p>AA to design & circulate post advertising disco.</p> <p>AA to post re volunteers within group.</p>
<p><u>Christmas Fayre</u> Entry – adults £2, kids free (inc. refreshments)</p> <p>Stall holders – £15 (no donation to raffle).</p> <p>Raffle – subsidise prizes again so that focus is on quality of prizes. Work with local businesses.</p> <p>Santa's Grotto – £1.50 per child (inc. selection box)</p> <p>Tea/coffee, biscuits/mince pies, juice.</p>	<p>AA will begin looking for stall holders and produce raffle request letter. All funds raised are to be used for ICT equipment – many of the iPads and Chrome books within the school require replacing/upgrading.</p>

<p>Make your own reindeer food - £1 per bag</p> <p>Facepainting – £1 per child</p> <p>Games – 3 shots for 50p</p> <p>Chocolate stall, bottle stall, filled mug/lucky bag, tombola – 3 tickets for £1. Donations via own clothes day.</p> <p>Whole school let is in from 3 – 8pm to allow sufficient time for set up/clean up. Currently opening times are 4.30 – 6.30pm.</p>	
<p><u>Christmas Gifts</u> School will look into ordering these in plenty time. DB suggesting activity book – but they will see what is available.</p>	<p>DB/school office to research this.</p>
<p><u>Issues raised on behalf of others</u> PTC Council Member JM has requested the issue of rough play in the lower school be raised, in particular P1. She queried whether there were sufficient resources to keep the children occupied/any opportunity for structured play. AA confirmed that P1 are not offered lunchtime or after school clubs until after the October break.</p> <p>LM confirmed that Elderslie CC carried out work at school entrance during summer holidays. She indicates that they aren't able to remove the larger shrubs so if the school wish this done they'll need to ask the Council. If the school are happy for the larger shrubs to remain, LM is happy to do some planting in both areas and could involve the children? LM has offered to come into school to speak with a working group of children about their ideas and perhaps they could research what type of plants would thrive in that environment/what may flower at different times of the year.</p> <p>A parent within P3 raised the issue of teachers shouting within the classroom. Had queried whether there was a "nurture policy" within the school. There is no policy but the relevant information would be contained within the Positive Relationships Policy. LD is the school's "nurture champion". Any specific queries/concerns should be raised directly with the school.</p>	<p>Clubs are not offered to P1 until after October break. Any specific concerns/queries to be raised with school.</p> <p>AA will confirm to LM that school would like to take her up on offer of planting/working with children.</p> <p>Any specific concerns/queries to be raised with school and perhaps LD in particular.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Dates</u> Halloween Disco – Wednesday, 30th October 2024 PTC - Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 6pm Christmas Fayre - Thursday, 28th November 2024 4.30-6.30pm</p>	

Next meeting:-

Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 6pm