



Wallace Primary School Parent Council Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 12th November 2024

Present:-

Headteacher	David Rigmand (DR)
Depute Headteacher	Lynne Docherty (LD) Diana Brooker (DB)
Chair	Iain Stephenson (IS)
Secretary	Antonia Aitken (AA)
Treasurer	Claire Bunting (CB)
Council Members	Lauren Paterson Kirsty Thornton Tracy Scott Emma Rankin Kirsty Wilson Linda McMillan (Elderslie CC) Eilidh McMurray (Elderslie CC) Iain McMillan (Councillor for Johnstone South & Elderslie) Andy Steel (Councillor)

Apologies:-

Council Members	Donna McNicholl (Vice Treasurer) Charlotte Boyle Marjorie Wilson Louise Moore Janelle Milne Lorissa Kennedy Natalie Burgess
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Item of business	Action
<p><u>Headteacher's Report</u></p> <p>Another busy start to the session and lots of achievements to celebrate. Newsletter was issued last week. Highlights: road race – 2 P7 boys came 2nd and 3rd and P7 group won overall gold medal; netball team won all their games on 11th November 2024 (2 teams); enjoyable visit from St. Mirren with coaching and Q&A; the school is to be part of the panel for Royal Society's Best Young People's Science Book, so children will be judging and award ceremony will take place in March in Glasgow and some children will be able to attend – 19,000 across UK judging including panel from Wallace; working towards Reading Schools Award; successful Fair Trade event incorporating Maths Week; Halloween celebrations and artwork was on local authority social media.</p> <p>Local authority has released today (12/11) the Standard & Quality Report and Improvement Plan – they will be accessible via website. Wallace pupils are mentioned within this local authority report, which is an achievement.</p>	

School roll 417, inc. ELCC.

Michelle Brown (ASNA) moving on to key worker post. Will require to advertise post.

Annual calendar was issued. Nativity is coming up – P1 is on Friday 13th December 2024 (2 showings – 10.30 and 1.30) and ELCC is on Tuesday, 17th December 2024.

Family Learning Experiences – Book Week Scotland taking place next week, families have been invited in for reading experience on Thursday. Invite issued via SeeSaw. Parents have been invited to read to a class. There will also be live author visits via Teams.

Parent volunteers have started after October week. Really positive impact on children’s reading progress across the school.

Students in P1 and P5/6 currently. Will have more as the year progresses. Had international student educator visit recently. Students from Castlehead are also regularly attending and running clubs.

New active schools’ coordinator Lynsey Dawson. Clubs are up and running. Great netball success thanks to Mrs Jackson. Basketball team is being run by parent volunteer, Mr. Lang.

Christmas light switch on – Saturday, 23rd November 2024. Choir are going to be performing and will open the event at 3pm within Village Hall.

Social media trial – DR & AA recently met with communications team at Renfrewshire Council. Going to be part of a pilot on Facebook for private Facebook group. Communications survey was circulated at Parents’ Evening last week – most people indicated favourite platform was Facebook.

Christmas Fayre – Renfrewshire Council have handed out stall holder tracer guidance re traceability at anything sold at our event. This will be circulated to all stallholders.

Food bank – funding due to finish at Christmas. LD sought out sponsors and had an extremely positive response: have been overwhelmed by businesses, personal and friends of friends so funding is secured for the next year.

Global Citizenship Group are keen to take a stall at Fayre for Malawi, which was agreed by all.

AA will issue reminder of upcoming dates on social media (action completed 13/11/2024).

Treasurer’s Report

Balance as at today’s date: £4,269.00

Since last meeting have donated £1772.82 for promethean board.

<p>Halloween Disco – cash on the night was £421.70, £106 on ParentPay. £527.70 in total. Let is £50.63 (already paid). Stock £251.90. Profit - £302.53.</p>	
<p><u>Update re income</u> Asda Rewards – £818.56 (18 days left)</p> <p>School Lottery – £1,040.00 raised this year. Currently sitting at 49 tickets. We’ve now raised £8,000 in the 6 years we’ve participated.</p>	
<p><u>Parking/Traffic Issues</u> Local councillors and Elderslie Community Council attended specifically to discuss this issue. Elderslie CC have received complaints from local residents, most recently from someone on Byres Road. Common theme is people parking over driveways and blocking residents in.</p> <p>Discussion over potential voluntary one-way system (entering via Edzell Drive and exiting via Byres Road). This would not be legally enforceable and would require a collective “buy-in” from parents, carers, etc. Discussing potential timings – 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.30 – 3.15pm seem sensible.</p> <p>Local councillors confirming they have made contact with Fiona Muir, our local Road Safety Officer, and await her input and response.</p> <p>Confirming that community police have been in attendance at Byres Road and Greenhill Crescent on numerous occasions and their presence assists as a deterrent but there is no long-term impact.</p> <p>Discussing potentially involving the Junior Road Safety Officers and producing a video to be circulated to raise awareness of potential impact of poor parking and careless driving/manoeuvres.</p> <p>School continue to circulate regular reminders urging all parents to be considerate with their driving/parking.</p>	
<p><u>Christmas Fayre</u> All details confirmed at previous meeting. Fayre is to take place on Thursday, 28th November 2024 and will be open from public from 4.30 – 6.30pm. The let is in from 3 – 8pm to allow set up and clean up.</p> <p>Entry is to be £2 per adult, children are free – includes refreshments (tea, coffee, diluting juice and biscuit/mince pie).</p> <p>Stall holders – £15 (no donation to raffle). Currently sitting at 8 stalls – SM Freehand Art, Who Can Gunter Can, Abigail Bakes, Jenna’s Jewellery, Jillian McCall (boutique clothing/accessories), Glitter & Bling, S.A.M. Designs, Wee Hearts & Crafts and Annette Johnston (crochet soft toys).</p> <p>Raffle prizes are to be subsidised to focus is on quality and we will again be supporting local businesses.</p>	<p>CB to pick up refreshments, etc.</p> <p>CB & AA to liaise re raffle.</p>

<p>Santa's Grotto – £1.50 per child (inc. selection box). 150 to be purchased.</p> <p>Make your own reindeer food - £1 per bag</p> <p>Facepainting – £1 per child, DB will do this. No supplies needed.</p> <p>Games – 3 shots for 50p. These will be run by older pupils supported by staff. DR will liaise with staff & pupils.</p> <p>Chocolate stall, bottle stall, filled mug/lucky bag, tombola – 3 tickets for £1. Donations via own clothes day. Friday, 22nd November 2024.</p>	<p>AA to collect selection boxes & supplies for reindeer food – preferably from Asda so we get the benefit of the Rewards.</p> <p>CB to ensure there is a stock of prizes for games.</p>
<p><u>Christmas Gifts</u> Confirming choice of activity books – to be ordered well in advance of finishing up in December so there is ample time for them to be delivered and wrapped.</p>	<p>DR & school office to order.</p>
<p><u>AOB</u> AA raising a concern regarding a violent episode at our recent Halloween Disco. Discussing how best to ensure there is no recurrence at future events as this had a significant impact on our ability to safely manage the event as all SLT were otherwise diverted for a period of time and the pupils required to use alternative toilets until the incident was dealt with. For any future events, SLT will identify any individuals who may be prone to violence or otherwise poor behaviour and the parent/carer of that child will require to attend as a chaperone and remain present throughout in the event the child wishes to attend.</p>	<p>Ongoing monitoring from SLT</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Dates</u> Christmas Fayre: Thursday, 28th November 2024 4.30-6.30pm PTC Meeting: Monday, 27th January 2025 at 3pm (childcare provided) PTC Meeting: Tuesday, 4th March 2025 at 6pm Spring Disco: Thursday, 27th March 2025 PTC Meeting: Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 3pm (childcare provided) BBQ & Bounce: Friday, 9th May 2025 (TBC) Summer Disco: Thursday, 12th June 2025</p>	

Next meeting:-

Monday, 27th January 2025 at 3pm (childcare provided)