

Minutes Troon Primary Parent Council Meeting Thursday 16th November 2023 – 6.30pm

Attendees – Ms Roan, Mrs Alcroft, Chloe Dobson (Living Streets)

Member name	Present / Not Present / Apologies Sent
Nigel Fullard (<i>Chair</i>)	Present
Jen Wood (<i>Secretary</i>)	Present
Jayne Carson (<i>Treasurer</i>)	Present
Dawn McGartland (<i>Vice Treasurer</i>)	Present
Carolyn Jamieson	Present
Rachel Fullard	Apologies
Zoe Gibson	Present
Kate Glasgow	Apologies
Vikki Kewney	Apologies
Nichola Hopkins	Apologies
Ali Brown	Not Present
Caroline Stewart	Present
Derek Whiteford	Present
Jacqueline Creighton-Macaskill	Present
Lynfryn Mackenzie	Apologies
Lynn McFarlane	Not Present
Matt Syme	Apologies
Millie McNish	Present
Natalie Kelly	Apologies
Pamela Foster	Present
Rachael Tochel	Present
Susan Forsyth	Present

Introduction by Chair

- Minutes from previous meeting were agreed
- Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair, which raised over £4K
- The Round Table have generously donated £2 per child to all the Troon Primary Schools. We were obliged to state what we would use this for and we advised that this money would be used towards replenishing class reading materials.

- Easyfundraising now has 70 people signed up. By using Easyfundraising when doing routine online shopping, we have generated £980 of funding so far. Please consider signing up if you can, it won't cost you a penny:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=247477&invite=0c9572&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest

Chloe Dobson – Living Streets

We were joined by Chloe from Living Streets.

A key aim of their work is to get everyone reducing short journeys taken by car and walking more as part of our “everyday journeys”.

Chloe was interested in what we consider to be the barriers to walking. We discussed matters such as dog mess, cracked kerbs, parking on pavements, volume of traffic/congestion, parking availability, LIDL and our ongoing engagement with Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) to implement some necessary improvements and repairs (*note: we have been in contact with ARA again last week and they were invited to attend this meeting*).

Attached with these minutes is a questionnaire that we are invited to complete and return. We are also welcome to use the same email address to send our thoughts to Chloe directly:

Chloe.Dobson@livingstreets.org.uk

Also attached with these minutes is a copy of the presentation delivered by Chloe.

Road Safety

Road Safety naturally followed on from the topic of walking to school. Police Scotland have been circulating again lately and remain of the opinion that majority of the problems cited by Troon Primary School and Troon Primary Parent Council are a direct result of the behaviours of parents and carers of pupils attending the school. With that in mind, the following are the reminders sent out in January 2023 and we thank everyone for adhering to these and making the journey to and from school safe for all children:

1. Please **do not** park on zig zag markings during prohibited times. As well as being an offence, this is inconsiderate and dangerous for children crossing.
2. Please **do not** park on double yellow lines at the junctions manned by the School Crossing Patrollers for the same reasons listed above.
3. Please **do not** use the school car park to drop off/collect your child(ren) at any time of day, unless you have been given permission to do so. Children are also not allowed to walk across the car park from Burnside place.
4. Please **do** behave in a courteous manner to the School Crossing Patrollers and allow the children time to cross when you are waiting to pass in your vehicle.

5. Please **do** ensure that anyone who drops off/collects your child(ren) at school is aware of the above.

We also discussed availability of parking and the proposed parking charges in the town car park (and other Troon car parks). The group felt that the reduced number of spaces when LIDL occupy the space, coupled with parking charges, would severely amplify the current on-street parking problems.

Headteacher

Ms Roan gave the following updates:

Staffing Update

Miss Lee – new permanent post at Girvan Primary – Miss Hutson will now teach P7B

Miss Galt – maternity leave has started, interviews scheduled for next week to backfill

Miss Handy – school assistant temp until June

Parent Involvement and Engagement/Consultation

Consultation this term will focus on HGIOS4 Quality Indicators – Family Learning, Partnership Working, Learning, Teaching, Assessment and Curriculum. We will also gather family, staff and pupil views on our existing Vision, Values and Aims – these were created in partnership in late 2018. All consultation will take place through Glow Forms.

This will then inform our School Improvement Plan and Standards & Quality report feedback for next session.

Improvement Plan Update

- Staff training – UNCRC focus, moderation of writing across the cluster this term, Staged Intervention update
- Revamp and refresh of resources across the school
- Budget – funding opportunities from PC links to refresh and supplement existing reading books in P1-3 stages, approximately £5000. *PC Officer Holder(s) to meet with HT next week to discuss details of resource requirements as well as Block Play and sporting equipment and to aim to source external funding.*

Budget

As per last year, will the PC support the funding of enhanced subscriptions for Twinkl, Pobble and Sumdog?

It was unanimously voted during the meeting that the PC will support this and we expect it to be in the region of £2.5K.

Parental Queries from P3

1. What will the money raised from the Christmas Fair be used for?

Jen Wood: The broad plan is to use this to fully fund some sort of Christmas activity for the pupils (Dec '24). We are looking at the cost of a pantomime (whether that is attending the theatre for some year groups or perhaps inviting a pantomime or another form of entertainment to attend school, amongst some other options).

2. What are the plans for the composite class next year?

Miss Roan: Classes for next session will not be confirmed until the staffing allocation has been set and agreed. This will then inform the class structure across the school for 2024-2025. Staffing is not completely finalised until well into Term 4. Families will be advised of any changes to structure as soon as practicably possible.

3. How does the school address equality, diversion and inclusion?

Miss Roan: Equity, inclusion and diversity is taught in all stages as part of our core curriculum in Religious and Moral Education, and in Health and Wellbeing. This is also covered through Pupil Voice Groups, assemblies and underpins our vision, values and aims. As noted by parents during the meeting, the level and depth of the learning covered in these areas increases as the children progress through the school.

Rolling Reminders

1. Remembrance Day – not applicable at this time
2. School Disco – Provisional date of 7th March agreed
3. Leavers Gifts to be added for discussion at next meeting

AOB

1. What happens to the photos taken by Alistair at the Christmas Fair?

The images are on a CD given to school. They cannot be shared more widely due to image sharing permissions.

2. We discussed gender inequality following an article read by an attendee: why are boys often less willing to stand up and speak (specifically in relation to the poetry competition where they had noticed that it seems to be mostly girls who enter the competition).

Ms Roan advised that this is not representative of what she sees in school and is perhaps just specific to this competition.

3. Nigel provided a copy of the SAC weekly menu rota and this has been sent with these minutes.

The next meeting is Thursday 21st March at 1830.