



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Held in-person at the school

1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minute and Opening Remarks

Present: Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil (EO'N), Emma Sharp (ES) (Chairperson), Leanne Murdoch (LM) (Secretary), Leesa McCue (LM), Gordon Brough (GB), Aileen Patterson (AP), Jane Henderson (JH), Anja Schöne (AS) and Councillor Loudon (KL).

Apologies: Councillor Brogan, Councillor Fulton, Mr Bamford, Karen Cummings, Lynsey Gifford, Deborah Green, Neil McCallum and Ashley Rafferty.

- Emma welcomed everyone to the first parent council meeting of the new school term.
- Thanks were given to everyone for attending, with gratitude expressed to the school for allowing the face-to-face meeting to take place.
- It is hoped that this year will see a normal school year.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no amendments suggested.
- Keenan & Pennykid will remain as the insurers for the parent council.
- ES had emailed parent council members the HPC Annual Report for 2021-22.

AGM – Annual Summary of Parent Council Business and Appointment of Office Bearers for 2022/23

- No expressions of interest were made in respect to the office bearers positions of chairperson and secretary.
- ES was happy to continue as Chairperson – proposed and seconded by LM and GB.
- LM was happy to remain as secretary – proposed and seconded by ES and AP.
- LG will stand down as treasurer with the balance of £34 being transferred to the school fund or Friends of Hallside. Following this transfer, the HPC bank account can be closed, negating the need for a treasurer.
- Position of Vice Chair will be discussed at the October HPC meeting. Neil McCallum is the current Vice Chair.

Head Teachers report

- See appended information.

Councillor's reports

- Councillor Loudon advised that strike action has not gone ahead at the present time.
- Councillor Loudon fed back information about bin uplifts following the strike by these workers. There will be no catch up service.

- Participatory budget (PB)/ Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) has been agreed. This is welcome news as there had been plans to discontinue this under the new administration.
- EO'N asked for any expressions of interest to assist her with identifying ways to utilise the PB. LM offered to assist with this.
- Councillor Loudon remains on the education committee.
- Councillor Loudon has suggested that the education dept have a go to person for all school residential trip enquiries, acting as a central booking resource.

Catchment review

- Councillor Loudon advised that a report has been published and will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting for decision making.
- Parent representatives felt that the report was unclear in terms of recommendations and outcomes.
- Councillor Loudon suggested that at the core of this decisions should be the question as to whether there would be educational benefits.
- It was acknowledged that the issue is wider than just a catchment review, with the school roll at high schools being at over-capacity.
- High school capacity regulation needs to be clarified.

School cutlery

- AS proposed that child sized cutlery be available in the dining hall.
- Younger children may struggle to use adult sized cutlery.
- SS will make this request to facilities.

Standards and Quality 2021-2022

- Information was distributed by SS.
- Of note, attendance at Hallside Primary School is under the average for South Lanarkshire Council. There may be several reasons for this, including parents making decisions to take children out of school for family holidays during term-time.

School improvement plan 2022 – 2023

- This agenda item was deferred to Octobers parent council meeting.

Charities

- Glasgow Children's Hospital will remain the chosen charity for Hallside Primary School.
- HPC members were in agreement to this.

Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 5th October at 6.30pm in Hallside Primary School



Hallside Primary School
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Headteacher Report



Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone to the first meeting of the new school session.

Staffing Session 22-23

The current role of the school is 254 children across 10 classes. We have a staffing entitlement of 12.9 plus 0.7 permanent additionality and 0.5 temporary additionality (Early Level of CfE) so staffing entitlement of 14.1 (fte) full time equivalent. Delighted to welcome Miss Rachel Bannerman to the staff team for this year as P2 teacher.

Start of New Session

We have had a wonderful start to the new session. All the children are incredibly settled in their new classes. Our 21 P1 children have had a fantastic start to the year. They have already made lots of new friends and had outstanding support from their P7 buddies to settle them into the routines of the school.

Annual Calendar Parent/Carer Version

We have created a redacted version of the annual school calendar to assist families in planning the year ahead. I hope this is helpful and welcome feedback. While we will endeavour to adhere to the dates on the calendar these may be subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Doors Open Event

For the first time since 2019 we will resume what was formerly known as, 'Meet the Teacher'. On September 14th we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into the school and classrooms with their children. This will provide families with the opportunity to see their child's learning environment, meet the teacher and engage with learning activities. We will hold two sessions to accommodate families with more than one child. Session 1 will run from 3.15pm – 3.35pm and Session 2 will run from 3.40pm – 4.00pm. Parents/carers are welcome to choose the most convenient session to attend or are welcome to attend both. Parents/carers should collect children as normal and re-enter the school via the main entrance P2-P7 and infant door (Door A – P1).

Budget Update

£2000 School Fund

£4061.32 School Budget

£5215 Replacement Equipment Fund (Contribution of £2100) from Session21-22 budget.

Pupil Equity Fund

Allocated £34300 session 22-23. We also had a carry forward of £9038 (Due to issues with procurement of outdoor play resources). Based on evaluations discussed in Standards and Quality Report we have decided to continue utilising £9000 of the budget to employ a Barnardos Family Support Worker one day a week. We will continue to utilise the fund to remove potential barriers to participation and engagement in learning e.g. P7 Residential Trip, Swimming Lessons, Transport to Active Schools Events.

£11925 of the budget is committed to 0.3 class teacher. This (combined with 0.7 permanent additionality) enables Mrs O'Neill, our Principal Teacher to be non-class committed and lead on Pupil Equity and Recovery Interventions.

Nurture Intervention

Delighted to advise that our nurture interventions can continue as a result of the 0.5 temporary (school session) teacher. This intervention was very positively received by children and families last session. Miss Leslie (SSA) and Mrs Welsh (CT) lead this intervention.

Chaplaincy

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 states that there is a statutory obligation on local authorities to provide religious observance and religious education in schools. Our chaplaincy team consists of Rev Cathcart from Flemington Hallside Church and their outreach team led by Ross Murray. Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act, parents/carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and / or religious and moral education. Parents should contact the school office by email to advise if they wish to withdraw their child. I will include this in the September newsletter.

SSA Staffing

Mrs MacMillan is our SSA Team Leader. She is the only member of the SSA team based in the office. As Emergency First Aider and in a school with 254 children, you can imagine how busy this is. Our Support Services Co-ordinator had recruited a new Support Assistant to join Mrs MacMillan in the office this session for 3 days a week. However, this arrangement was unable to proceed due to emergency staffing situation in another establishment. Mrs MacMillan goes 'over and above' in supporting our children, young people and their families and we hope to be able to provide additional support to the office team in the near future.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

"When we work together everything is within our reach."



