



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Held in-person at the school

### **1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minute and Opening Remarks**

**Present:** Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mr Robert Bamford (RB), Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil (EO'N), Emma Sharp (ES) (Chairperson), Jenny Boyce (JB), Jane Henderson (JH), Ashley Middleton (AM), Leanne Murdoch (LM) (Secretary), Aileen Patterson (AP), Ashley Rafferty (AR), Leesa McCue (LMcC), Elaine and Jill (Friends of Hallside), Councillor Katie Loudon (KL), Anya Schone (AS) and Neil McCann (NMCC).

**Apologies:** Gordon Brough (GB), Councillor Brogan and Councillor Fulton.

- ES welcomed everyone to the parent council meeting.
- Thanks were given to everyone for attending, with gratitude expressed to the school for allowing the meeting to take place in the school.
- ES thanked Friends of Hallside (FOH) for organising the Halloween disco.
- ES noted that it was good to have FOH at the HPC meeting.
- FOH will be hosting a Xmas fayre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no amendments suggested.
- Iain Cairns had sent an email to ES with some suggestions for marker pens.
- ES also expressed thanks to the janitorial staff, lunch ladies and cleaning staff.

### **2. Head Teachers report**

- See appended report
- Feedback from the Pupil Council was that the Halloween Disco held during school hours was "inclusive" and "everyone got to go".
- A P1 Christmas nativity will be held this year.
- It is Snapshot Jotter Week (Week beginning 7th November). Children will complete work in their snapshot jotter during that week and jotters will be sent home on Tuesday 15th November and an evaluation completed by children and parents/carers.
- Parents evening will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November – appointments can be made via the cloud booking system.
- Family homework club will hopefully start in January 2023.
- A cheque was received from Tempest Photography for commission for school photos.

AM asked if there are class photos as well as individual pupil photos– this is not currently provided by Tempest but was done in the past.

### **3. Councillor's reports**

Councillor Loudon advised of the following:

- Scottish Fire & Rescue will be going around schools, mainly High Schools, to chat about safety in the run up to Bonfire Night.

- KL had attended a meeting with Crucible to discuss the plans for shops at the bottom of Grayline Road. There are no plans for a drive thru. There will be a few hot food outlets, a gym and possibly a pharmacy. Plans are to be approved and there will be a 9 month build time.
- SLC Roads Department are to confirm traffic management plans, potential for there to be a new junction build to ease traffic.
- SLC have introduced charging for electric cars
- There was an executive committee meeting today where PBP mortgages in High School Buildings were discussed – possibility that the mortgage duration will be extended.
- An anti-social behaviour report is available on the SLC website. It appears that anti-social behaviours increased during the pandemic.
- Road closures are planned at Newton Train station and Newton Farm.
- There will be a public meeting in Westburn Hall tomorrow evening to discuss a community transfer application. The building needs improvements and is in a state of disrepair. A community group is interested in taking on ownership of the building and the associated repair costs.
- There will be a consultation meeting held in regard to the Westburn Viaduct on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Tea Bay in Cambuslang.
- The Cambuslang Christmas light switch on will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Due to a heavy rain deluge, roads in the area have flooded causing travel disruptions. Flooding should be reported to the Roads Dept.

#### **4. Potential funding sources for transport, out of school clubs etc**

##### **4.1 Funding Applications**

- LM had emailed a link to ES about potential funding streams for the school. ES had forwarded on this email to SS. At last month's HPC meeting it was discussed that a lack of finances hinders the school's participation in events due to transport costs and lack of money in the school budget. LM has found a few possible funding streams that could be applied for. It was suggested that a sub-group could be set up to consider funding applications. LM, JB and AM expressed willingness to pursue a funding sub-group.
- FOH suggested holding an evening for parents to generate funds for the school. Suggestions for events included bingo, a quiz and a car boot sale. It was proposed that FOH and HPC could work collaboratively to progress these events. A provisional date for the first Wednesday in March 2023 was proposed for a family event in the school.
- ES to forward the minutes of HPC meetings to FOH to ensure communication and transparency.

##### **4.2 Spelling Bee (GB)**

- This was carried over to next month's meeting due to GB not being in attendance.

#### **5. Follow up on previous agenda items**

##### **5.1 Whiteboard pens**

- AS and her partner Iain Cairns (IC) had raised the use of whiteboard markers in classrooms at last month's parent council meeting.
- AS and IC have looked into alternatives including washable markers, recyclable markers and magna doodle. An email was sent to ES with links to products for consideration.
- RB and SS advised that they are open to exploring options if financially feasible.
- KL suggested that the Pupil Council could write to request free samples of products to test options before purchasing.
- Possible funding could be applied via **Funding for School Climate and Biodiversity Projects (UK)** as per LMs funding research. The funding subgroup can look at this.

##### **5.2 Cutlery**

- AS asked if there was any update re child sized cutlery. There was no update.

- It was suggested that some children prefer to use adult cutlery to “baby” cutlery – the importance of children having a choice over cutlery preference was voiced.
- LM asked KL if cutlery was a discussion point on the executive committee group. KL advised that it was not but suggested that contact could be made with SLC’s Community and Enterprise team. ES to follow up on this.

### **5.3 Catchment consultation**

- The catchment review has been approved. This will mean that more children will be enrolled at Hallside Primary School.

## **6. Other meetings**

### **6.1 SLC Parent Council event**

- There will be a Parent Council event on zoom which any parent council member can attend. ES will be attending and suggested that if parents have any agenda items, they can contact her.

### **6.2 Pupil Council**

- The Pupil Council have requested input from the Parent Council at their Pupil Council meetings. ES will attend the Pupil Council meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- Parent Council members would like Pupil Council members to attend HPC meetings – SS will speak to the Pupil Council about this.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 6.30pm in Hallside Primary School.
- NMCC will chair this meeting in place of ES.

## **Friends of Hallside Needs YOU!**

**Volunteers are needed for the Christmas fayre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.**

**If you can help, please speak to Jill, Elaine, SS or ES.**

**Thank You!**



# **Hallside Primary School**

## **Parent Council Meeting 02.11.22**

### **Headteacher Report**



#### Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone.

#### Halloween Celebrations

Fabulous celebrations on Monday in school. Huge thank you to Friends of Hallside and volunteers for decorating the hall (and taking the decorations down!), organising and paying for the disco and tuck. Feedback from Pupil Council was very positive with some feedback regarding tuck shop which we will take on board for future events.

#### Learning and Teaching Quality Assurance

- Snapshot Jotter Week
- SLT Class Jotter Monitoring
- Learning Conversations Home/School
- Class Visits
- Pupil Progress Meetings Teaching staff and SLT

#### Parental Engagement / Involvement

- P1 Additional appointment (Early Level Additional staffing funding)
- Parents' Evening
- Read, Write and Count Parent/Carer Activities (Planning)
- Family Homework Club (Resuming Jan'23)

#### Budget

No significant change to budget update from previous meeting

School received a cheque for approximately £450 from Tempest Photography re commission from recent school photographer visit.

Devolved School Management SLC Guidance is on school website. Duty to consult with all stakeholders re budget.

Delighted to advise that, thanks to funding from Friends of Hallside, we are able to go ahead with our pre-pandemic theatre company booking. M and M productions will visit the school on 1<sup>st</sup> December to perform "Snow White".

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

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



