



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st December 2021

Held via Zoom call

1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minute and Opening Remarks

Present: Mrs Sandilands, Mr Bamford, Councillor Loudon, and 5 parents.

Apologies: Councillor Fulton and parent members

- Emma welcomed everyone to the parent council meeting and thanked parents and staff for their continued efforts throughout COVID.
- The Newsletter has details lots of activities on offer
- Hopeful the bank account issues have now been resolved.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one amendment to be made clarifying that the £50 donation to the Cambuslang annual fireworks display had been made by FOH and not the parent council.

2. Head Teacher's Report

See appended report – no comments or questions noted by parent council members.

3. Councillors' Reports

- Councillor Loudon advised that she had visited the school due to participation in Cleaning Up Cambuslang COP26 inspired community initiative.
- The catchment review is underway. Parents have until 6th December to get involved. Public meetings have been held, although not well attended. Thus far there have been 116 responses to the consultation.
- Emma attended the consultation meeting on the 10th November to represent Hallside parent council. Emma has submitted a response to the consultation on behalf of the parent council.
- The school newsletter contains a link to the consultation for parents to provide an individual response.
- Mrs Sandilands advised that school staff will complete the catchment review consultation response and this will be discussed at the staff meeting 02.12.21.

4. Parents as Partners (and increasing access to parent Council)

- How to get more people involved and make parent council meetings more inclusive for everyone?

- It was suggested that an update of parent council business to be included in the SWAY school newsletter.
- One parent expressed experiencing frustration as a member of the parent council. This parent explained they believed the attendees did not always represent the diversity of the school roll and there isn't enough joint up working with Friends of Hallside.
- It was noted that a lot of good work has been done by the parent council including catchment consultations, changes to uniform provider, being awarded funding for an iPad pro etc.
- It was agreed that, while difficult in Covid-19 context, further action could be taken to ensure the Parent Council group is diverse and represents the views of all parents/carers. It was agreed a questionnaire would be drafted to be sent as a google form to the school roll to try and elicit these views from a wider group of people.
- Consideration to be given to changing the name from parent council.

5. AOCB

- Nothing raised.

6. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 2nd February 2022

