



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 1 November 2023

Hallside Primary School

Minutes - Draft

**1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minutes and Opening Remarks**

1.1 Introductions made to Riley Williamson from P7

1.2 Present: Emma Sharp, Leanne Murdoch, Elizabeth O'Neil, Leesa McCue, Aileen Patterson, Iain Cairns, Susanne Sandilands, Robert Bamford, Neil McCallum, Riley Williamson

1.3 Apologies received from Gordon Brough

1.4 ES welcomed and thanked everyone, thanks given to all involved in smooth running of school- senior pupils, staff including administration, janitorial, catering, teaching etc. ES confirmed all present happy with AS/IC job sharing vice chair and with annual report

1.5 ES confirmed with all in attendance that the previous minutes were accurate

**2. Change to the School Community (Riley Williamson , P7)**

2.1 Riley gave an excellent presentation outlining his proposal to fundraise towards the installation of a defibrillator to be located at Hallside Primary School for public and school access. He proposed there could be a whole school event and / or fundraiser to raise the funds required, with a possible fundraising committee with a view to gaining the support of local businesses and MP. The parent council offered their support, although there were concerns raised surrounding electricity supply. Riley was applauded and thanked by all present.

**3. Head Teacher's Report (SS)**

**4. Councillors' Reports – N/A no councillors in attendance or report available**

**5. Friends of Hallside**

5.1 SS advised that the FOH bank account is now being closed with funds being transferred to school funds and that in future financial updates will be delivered to parent council by SS.

5.2 SS advised that dates of FOH meetings will be shared via emails to encourage support

**6. Funding subgroup (LM, ES, AM, AS)**

6.1 LM gave the news that we have successfully been awarded the winning grant in the Tesco Groundworks token event totalling £1500 to be spent on gym equipment (£1000) and garden equipment (£500)

6.2 ES advised that we are still awaiting feedback for the Cycling Scotland application submitted by AS

6.3 ES also advised that she and GB are now signatories on the Parent Council bank account

**7. Energy Sparks (IC) <https://energysparks.uk/home-page>**

7.1 IC presented information regarding the charity Energy Sparks, concerns were raised regarding cost and staff availability, but SS agreed to discuss the idea with Lynne Sherry HOE, responsible for sustainability to enquire if this is something South Lanarkshire could become involved with

7.2 IC agreed to contact Energy Sparks to obtain further information

**8. SLC Budget Consultation (SS)**

8.1 SS urged all to complete the Budget Consultation which has been emailed to all parents and carers

**9. Participatory Budget Results (SS)**

9.1 SS thanked EO for hard work towards proposed whole school trip, nothing confirmed as yet. ES offered assistance towards funding for buses if required

9.2 SS advised that the pupils have been enquiring about a school pet and may invite Uddington S6 leadership team to the Pupil Council to discuss some ideas

**10. Continuity of Learning – Industrial Action (all)**

10.1 SS discussed with the council the approach to work expected of pupils during the strikes and the council agreed that the current approach was acceptable. AP suggested adding a bit extra into Google Classroom. SS also reassured that whilst supportive of colleagues, steps were being taken to maximise teaching time

**11. Meeting with Carole McKenna – new director of education  
Cambuslang/Rutherglen/East Kilbride/Strathaven**

11.1 Thursday, 7 December 2023 5.15pm – 6.15pm

11.2 Thursday, 30 May 2024 5.15pm – 6.15pm

ES advised the council of the above meetings if anyone else wished to attend

## 12. **AOB**

IC asked for an update regarding markers discussed at previous parent council meetings, but

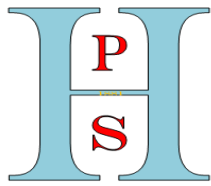
SS advised that the issue was with procurement. IC will email education services to enquire.

Procedure during wet play also raised by IC – advised that options are given to children.

LM suggested cheese and wine or coffee and cake night for future fundraising ideas.

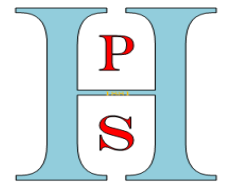
**Next meeting** – 6 December 2023 at 6:30pm

## Hallside Primary School



### Parent Council Meeting 01.11.23

#### Headteacher Report



#### Welcome

Lovely to see everyone.

#### Staffing Update

Mrs McGovern (P3/4 class teacher) is unwell and will not be able to return to school this term. Mrs McGovern has quickly become a part of the Hallside team. We miss her very much and look forward to welcoming her back to the school when she is better. A huge thank you to Mrs Duffy for working additional days. This has supported a smooth transition for the P3/4 children in the class.

#### Strategic Update

##### Key Action in raising attainment Review of numeracy assessments to inform teaching and learning.

PUMA (Progress Understanding Maths Assessment) Assessments all children P2-P7.

Thanks to Mr Bamford's leadership children completed these assessments successfully online and will complete again in the summer term.

Teaching staff meeting next week to discuss and analyse data generated and most importantly to use the information diagnostically to inform teaching and learning.

##### Key action in raising attainment Review approaches to moderation

As part of our work with Cathkin Learning Community P7 learners and staff team led by Miss MacDonald are focussing on listening and talking skills and creating their own podcasts.

#### Operational Update

Parents Portal. As you know we have to move to Parents Portal to book parents' evening appointment for reasons discussed at previous meetings.

We anticipated that this would pose challenges. All schools utilising this are experiencing similar issues. Useful tool once challenges have been resolved.

#### Budget

As part of our improvement planning work in ensuring excellence and equity we are delighted that the nurture intervention has continued this year. Mrs O'Neill has also worked incredibly hard to establish these interventions supported by Pupil Equity Funding.

Budget is incredibly tight. I have discussed this with facilities, support and teaching staff. We are all working hard to reduce printing, do things differently and reduce, reuse and recycle.

Received income of £358 from sale of school photograph. This money will be added to school fund.

After discussions last month around janitorial supplies, all primary schools received an update that we would receive additional funding to support this cost.

FOH I met with representatives from the group. Details emailed to families regarding Halloween event, Fundraising and Christmas Fayre. All future fundraising initiatives the funds raised will be deposited to school fund account and the team are writing a cheque for the balance in FOH account to school fund. The team will continue to support the school.

#### Health and Safety

I am pleased to update you that the muga pitch has now been repaired.

Welcome any comments, questions or suggestions.

*“When we work together everything is within our reach.”*

