



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Hallside Primary School

1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minutes and Opening Remarks (ES)

1.1 Present: Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil (EO'N), Emma Sharp (ES) (Chair and Minute), Aileen Patterson (AP), Neil McCallum (NMCC), Leesa McCue (LMCC), Ashley Rafferty (AR), Karen Allen (KA)

1.2 Apologies: Leanne Murdoch, Gordon Brough, Ashley Middleton, Anja Schöne, Iain Cairns

1.3 Welcome and opening remarks:

- ES welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting.
- Thanks were given to everyone for attending, and to the school staff for their continued support and dedication to the children and families of Hallside especially given some of the challenges faced at the start of term.
- Best wishes were sent to the school staff who are leaving or have left including Mrs McMillan, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Lennox and Mrs Allan.

1.4 Previous minutes (any clarifications and amendments): Accepted as accurate

2. Head Teacher's Report (SS)

- Please see appended document

3. Councillors' Reports (KL, WB, AF)

- No councillors in attendance perhaps due to purdah.

4. Communication at the start of term (JB)

- Covered within head teachers report

5. Friends of Hallside

- Meeting dates will be communicated when confirmed.

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

6.1 Bike-ability (and the Bike Shed)

- ES to liaise with Mrs Byrne and funding subgroup about the use of the sustainability grant.

- Consideration to whether any funds could be used towards bike shelter

7. **Parent Council Insurance/Paperwork** (ES) -

- SLC has renewed its insurance cover for Parent Councils with Keegan and Pennykid Insurance Brokers Ltd from 2 August 2023.
- ES has returned all paperwork about current contact details and office bearers to SLC.

8. **Next meeting** – 4th October 2023 at 6:30pm (AGM including allocation of office bearers)



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Headteacher Report



Welcome

A warm welcome to the first meeting of the new school session, I hope you had a wonderful summer with your children, in spite of the weather.

Start of New Session

It is wonderful to welcome our children and Hallside staff team back to school. The roll of the school is currently 259 children, including 43 new P1 children. All our children have settled incredibly well. A special mention has to go to our outstanding 34 P7s who have demonstrated dedication and kindness in their role as buddies and monitors.

I have a phrase that I often say “Relentless, unwarranted optimism even or especially in the face of adversity”. Even during Covid times our mantra at Hallside was ‘Let’s focus on what we can do not what we cant do.’ I have to be very honest with the parent council and say from a staffing perspective this has been the most difficult start to a new session that I have encountered in 25 years teaching.

While we currently have Mrs Lennox in the office who has now received some training, she will be leaving us on Friday as she has secured a post outwith education.

Colleagues from Education Resources have been very supportive to the school and we are working closely with our support services co-ordinator to ensure a more long term plan for staffing the office that ensures succession planning.

Good news! Super Start

I was delighted that we were able to introduce an extended ‘Super Start’ to all P1-P4 children. Now all P1 to P4 children have the opportunity to enter the school building between 8.50am – 9.00am. This gives our youngest children time to organise themselves, order lunch etc...to start activities at 9.00am and maximise learning time. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff team and fantastic P7 monitors for facilitating this opportunity.

Annual Calendar Parent/Carer Version

We have again this year 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

Teaching Staff Allocated to Classes

Staffing this session is 14.0FTE. This includes 0.4 additionality targetted at Early Level and 0.7 permanent additionality. This enables us to have Mrs O'Neill (PT) and Mrs Welsh (Nurture trained) out of class to plan and deliver targeted interventions e.g. Nurture Sessions, Numeracy and literacy interventions.

P1a - 22 children (Ms Luciana Belardo and Mrs Susan MacDonald)

P1b - 21 children (Mrs Karen Byrne)

P2 - 23 children (Mrs Helen Miller and Mrs Louise Maxwell)

P3 - 30 children (Miss Suzanne Murray and Mrs Gillian Welsh)

P3/4 – 14 P3 children and 11 P4 children (Mrs Helen Duffy and Mrs Leanne McGovern)

P4 – 30 children (Mrs Jane Linn)

P5 – 33 children (Mr Mark Russell and Mrs Karen Johnston)

P5/6 – 8 P5 children and 16 P6 children (Mr Gavin Hamilton)

P6/7 – 21 P6 children and 4 P7 children (Mrs Helen Talent)

P7 – 30 children (Miss Fiona Macdonald)

Standards and Quality Report Issued and link included in newsletter.

Budget

Give a full budget update after meeting with CTO (Cluster Team Officer).

Aspects of budget to agree. PB – Secure transport for school trip. Consultation re affordability. Issue securing bus transport.

Travel to events costs consultation.

Health and Safety

Removed the bike shelter as it was not secured to the ground.

Some of our young people wrote a letter requesting the bike shed was fixed. Quote received £3206. Forwarded to Parent Council for info.

Update to Covid 19 guidance – newsletter standing item for reference.

Colleagues at Education Resources have confirmed that NO schools in the local authority contain Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAA).

Vandalism

Updated re insurance claim.

Can I formally thank Emma for her time representing the PC at the P1 induction event and Elaine and Kirsty representing FOH.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments, questions or suggestions.

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

