



Annual Report 2022/23

In accordance with the Parent Council Constitution, I have provided the Chair's Annual report to summarise the work undertaken by the parent council during the 2022/23 academic year. I spent some time reviewing the minutes from the last year, and was struck by the real sense of community that exists in Hallside Primary School. The meetings have been a useful two-way communication channel for parents, school and the wider community through the regular presence of our local Councillors.

We were delighted to have a full year of face to face meetings on the following dates: 7th September 2022, 5th October 2022, 2nd November 2022, 7th December 2022, 2 February 2022, 26th April 2022 and 7th June 2022. For the more eagle eyed, you may wonder what happened to the March 2023 meeting – well, that was superseded by the fantastic Big Family Fun Quiz, hosted by our very own Mr Bamford.

Parent Council Engagement

The agendas and minutes from the meetings continue to be published on the school website allowing those who are unable to attend to have relevant information about the work of the parent council. In addition, we have sent information about the parent council to the whole school body. We have also joined in the p1 induction to allow new parents and carers to be aware of the work we do. We always welcome new members 😊

Collaborative Working

We have continued maintain strong communication links with the Senior Leadership Team at Hallside Primary School and to have an active part in representing the views of parents and carers in decision making. The areas discussed have been varied and have included diverse topics such the School Improvement Plan, sustainability, partnership working with facilities managers in South Lanarkshire Council and staffing changes.

We continue to invite our local councillors, Katy Loudon, Alistair Fulton and Walter Brogan to our meetings. We appreciate their insight and knowledge of issues in the local area that impact on the families who attend our school.

We have also welcomed pupils to the meetings to feedback on issues such as the Eco Committee and were delighted to hear about the work that they have been undertaking. In addition, we have had the opportunity to sit in on the expertly chaired and well organised pupil council.

Meeting Participation

In the last academic year, the membership of the Parent Council remained stable. We continue to strive to ensure that we can reach parents and carers across all year groups and to include any interested parents/carers.

Work of the Parent Council

This year the Parent Council has been involved in a number of strands of work.

1. The Parent Council consulted with the School on the School Improvement plan. The Standards and Quality Improvement Planning was shared and a dialogue took place around the data and intervention, particularly around attendance and the equity gap in attendance. The school shared the maths resources that purchased for each class and Parent Council provided feedback on this. The School also shared views from their work developing our curriculum rationale and considering "What makes Hallside Primary unique?"
2. The catchment consultation was concluded and the changes are being implemented over the coming years.
3. Following discussions within our meetings about sustainability, the cost of the school day etc. a funding subgroup was set up. There was consultation with pupils about their hopes and several funding applications have been sent. So far, we have had two successful applications! We hope one of these will support Mrs Byrne in rolling out the Bikeability and the other will be used for playgroup and gym equipment. We have a third in for a replacement bike shelter and money towards further bicycle storage and equipment.
4. The Quiz – with the support of our partners in Friends of Hallside and the School Staff (especially Mr B and his Golden Jacket), we hosted a very successful and fun quiz night.

I would like to formally thank all parents, carers, teachers, ancillary staff, Councillors etc. who continue to contribute to the School Community and allow the smooth functioning of this community and the safety, happiness and learning opportunities of our children.

Emma Sharp
Parent Council Chair
4th October 2023