



**Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Held in-person at the school**

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

**Present:** Mrs Sandilands (SS), Mrs O'Neill (EO), 8 parents; Neil McCallum (NMc), Aileen Patterson (AO), Deborah Christie (DC), Ashley Rafferty (AR), Leesa McCue (LMc), Gordon Brough (GB), Emma Sharp (ES)(Chairperson) and Leanne Murdoch (LM)(Secretary), Councillor Katie Loudon (CKL).

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillors Brogan and Fulton, and 2 parents; Lindsay Gifford (LG) and Karen Cummings (KC).

- ES welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
- ES expressed gratitude to the school staff for continuing to support our children's learning and for all the extra activities that have been provided.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one amendment to be made – funding for buses has been paid for out of the pupil equity fund. May's HPC minutes will be amended to reflect this inaccuracy.

**2. Head Teacher's Report**

- See appended report.
- To ensure transparency, SS asked that HPC minutes identify parents in attendance at meetings. The Secretary will action this.
- DC provided feedback of her recent experience of the transition for P7s who will be starting S1 in August. DC stated the transition has "been fabulous" and has helped ease children and parents' anxieties.

**3. Councillors Report**

- CKL advised that there has been a change of administration following the election and CKL is no longer chair of education. CKL will no longer be able to share information about education at HPC meetings.
- There has been no update on the catchment review.
- CKL suggested that parents can check South Lanarkshire Councils website under councils and committees/ papers published. All papers for upcoming meetings are published 12 days prior to meeting dates.

**4. Government guidance around gender identity (LM)**

- This agenda item was carried over from Mays meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding the safety and privacy of the child.
- School staff work within a legislative framework and follow national guidance in this area.

**5. Cycle Ability (AP)**

- The school do not have capacity to provide this, but SS would be keen to offer this.

- SS suggested that this could be undertaken by parents.
- NMc to look into this.

#### **6. P1 Induction (ES)**

- DC agreed to represent HPC at the P1 induction.
- DC also hopes to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness of FoH.
- Some parents are not part of the school community due to COVID and the restrictions this posed.

#### **7. Parent Council Chairs Forum (ES)**

- ES and LM will attend this forum being held via zoom on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### **8. Class composition/ teachers for next year**

- Agenda item 8 was not discussed as class compositions have not yet been decided.

#### **9.1 Parent Council Meetings for next year (ES)**

- Discussion held about the dates and times for meetings – it was agreed that HPC meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of the month.
- It is hoped that new parents will join HPC in the new term.
- DC suggested that a new HPC email address be set up for active HPC members, some parents who no longer attend HPC meetings continue to receive HPC minutes despite not attending meetings. ES will set up a new email address.

#### **9.2 Expressions of interest for office bearers (ES)**

- ES asked that expressions of interest for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer be given to her in advance of the first HPC meeting of the new term.

#### **10. Date of next meeting (AGM)**

- This will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.30pm in Hallside Primary School.

#### **AOB – not on the agenda**

- HPC bank account currently sits at £34. There was discussion about giving this money to FoH or the school fund and closing this bank account.
- It was also suggested that it would be useful to have representation from FoH and the pupil council at the AGM and future HPC meetings.