



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Held via Zoom call

1. Welcome, Apologies Previous Minute and Opening Remarks

Deborah welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the academic year 2021/2022. She provided updates on the following:

- We believe we have solved the signatory issue for the bank account and may in a position to purchase the iPad Pro in the coming weeks.
- The school website has been updated including all Parent Council minutes.
- The Parent Council remains insured through South Lanarkshire Council.

Present: Mrs Sandilands, Mr Bamford, Councillors Brogan and Loudon, 10 Parents

Apologies: Councillors Fulton

Opening Remarks: Head Teacher Report

- See Appended Document

1.1 Discussion during head teachers report

- A parent raised the symptoms of COVID-19 were not as she expected for her child and this may be helpful to share with people. Mrs Sandilands explained that the school can only officially share the public health listed symptoms.
- It was also asked if the "warn and inform" letter could have the class that is affected and it was stated it may not be possible as it is a standard letter.
- Parents/carers welcomed an update that children were now notably happier as fewer physical covid restrictions remained in place. The Chair asked Mrs Sandilands to pass on the thanks of the parent council for the continued efforts and professionalism of the Hallside teachers and staff who continue to work effectively despite the covid restrictions that remain in place for them.

2. Councillors' Reports – Cllr Brogan lost his connection so was unable to join for this part.

- Councillor Loudon provided an update to the parent council.
- She stated she was glad to hear updates from HT and felt encouraged by stories of cones being removed from the playground.
- There will be new guidance about CO2 monitors –she has queried how this will this be explained to children and parents?
- Recognised difficulty in recognising symptoms directed families to NHS inform website.
- Planning application in for 5g mast. A pre-planning consultation letter was sent to Councillors/Elected members/MSP but the application was submitted before the consultation was completed. No conclusive evidence on health concerns but view is

“an abundance of caution” and not have it near houses, schools and nurseries. There are multiple reasons it may not be suitable for the area. There are over 300 objections. It may not go to committee and it won’t be ratified without going to committee due to number of objections.

- Road Closures locally and Traffic in Newton Farm Primary School due to multiple reasons including the COVID-19 testing centre. This is now only open at weekends, they will keep an eye on it.
- Water – Scottish water reservoir levels low affecting natural filter. This means there is an accumulation of manganese but it is safe (can affect taste and colour). No issues with the school water have been noted.
- No update with regard catchment review.

3. Catchment Review Update

No update available.

4. Uniforms – Blossoms

- Issues continue with Blossoms including fulfilment of orders, refunds, staff attitude etc. Additionally, selling items not within parameters agreed by school.
- Consideration to ScotCrest as an alternative supplier. HT will start the process of looking into this.
- Consideration to a pre-loved uniform shop within the school – look into starting this with rails as an outdoor event etc.

5. Parent Council/Friends of Hallside

- Consideration to whether there is any overlap in the role of Friends of Hallside and the Parent Council.
- Also consideration to be given to how we include others in the parent council. We recognise the last few years have not been normal for anyone.
- HT said we could change the name to something that may feel more inclusive as Parent Council may feel formal to some parents. Also it may be worth considering communication platforms used e.g. we could have a Twitter
- HT also reminded the Parent Council that best practice is having fundraising and parent council as separate entity.

6. Cleaning up Cambuslang

- A parent asked if we can we raise awareness of this group through the school? This is helpful for children in terms of education about littering, their environment and pride in the local community. It was agreed that this would be supported by the school. The parent will email details to HT to start links.

7. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th October 2021 (AGM)