



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Hallside Primary School

1. **Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minutes and Opening Remarks (ES)**
 - 1.1 Present: SS, RB, LO, LMCC, ES, GB, JF, JB, AMCD*
 - 1.2 Welcome and opening remarks: ES thanked IC for chairing November meeting*
 - 1.3 Apologies: KL, AS, IC*
 - 1.4 Previous minutes (any clarifications and amendments) none*
2. **Head Teacher's Report (SS)**



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Headteacher Report



Welcome

Thank you, as always, to everyone for your support and input into the life and work of the school. I can't believe it was three months since we last met. Update you as always on the strategic and operational aspects of school life.

Staffing

Teaching and support staffing is currently relatively stable. Paul (janitor) and Isobel (school crossing patrol) are unwell. Monica (Mon-Wed) and Mel (Thurs-Fri) will be with us until Paul is able to return to work.

Operational Update

Since our last meeting we have had a very successful parents' evening, Food bank appeal (led by Stevenson family), Santa Dash (Daily Mile), Brilliant Christmas Fayre (This year enterprise model. The high quality work from our children, commitment of the staff team was so very appreciated. Wonderful new Asgard Storage Unit, hosted first Dyslexia Café with senior pupils and learners from Calderwood Primary, Fun Christmas Lunch with crackers and festive cheer, a magical P1 nativity with "A Miracle in Town", Theatre trip (Thanks Mrs Fletcher) the children and staff loved it and it created wonderful memories and shared experience that the children are still talking about, choir were 'out and about' representing their school impeccably, spreading festive cheer and raising money for Glasgow Children's Hospital. First week in January brought P1 Enrolment week (Numbers still fluid but currently have 50 registrations and 7 pending placing requests into the school), we held pre-enrolment open afternoon during the school day and SLT met with families post enrolment for 15 minute appointments, specialist music provision is now running weekly for all P5 pupils, SAMH visited the school for 'in person workshops for all P6 and P7 learners and we held a whole school assembly to share this learning and focus on mental health awareness.

Improvement Planning Session 24-25

Reading Leadership Group are going for Gold Award and I know the group are planning exciting events to mark World Book Day.

Thanks to the work of the parent council The Sports Leadership Group were very excited to receive new P.E equipment.

The community group with Mr Bamford are working on 'celebrating culture and diversity of school community.' Our school show 'My Scotland, Your Scotland, Our Scotland' is part of this work.

It is fantastic to read about and see photos of our fantastic children's wider achievements. We are collating these results, will celebrate these achievements with our children and Mr Bamford is liaising with Active School's Co-ordinator to offer sporting opportunities for all children. Recently, we have had Uddingston Hockey Club and Cambuslang Rugby working with some classes.

In addition to all of this we continue to support the learning and pastoral needs of all pupils. In consultation with myself and specialist support teacher thanks to Mrs O'Neill for co-ordinating ASN this session. Meetings with staff, parents, health professionals to work together to support children's learning and wellbeing needs.

We are also hosting a learning community moderation event focussing on maths curriculum and pedagogy at Hallside at the up coming in-service day.

Budget

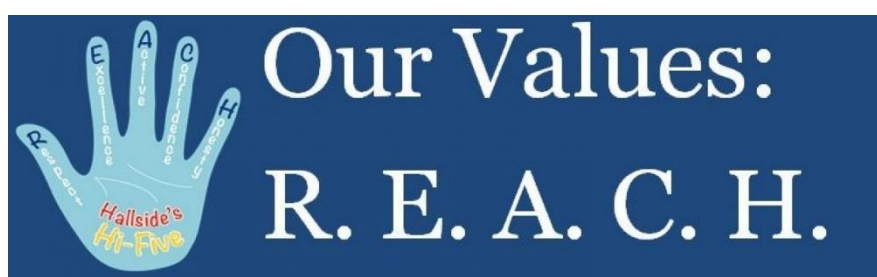
I received a Congratulations email, as a school community we received £535.36. A massive thank you.

We still have £13,931 Pupil Equity Fund. Reason high amount left is we planned to purchase a SSA but due to freeze on recruitment we were unable to do this. Freeze has now been lifted and we are working with Support Services Co-ordinator to use this money to fund a part time school support assistant. Core school budget is balanced (as you know we have only used this for core school equipment due to the inflationary cost of items but static budget.)

School Fund (fundraising) is healthy. £8010.63 (statement pre Christmas). Awaiting new statement. This is not including money raised from Christmas Fayre £5119.25.

(Discussed recent incidents of anti-social behaviour).

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



3. Councillors' Reports – email from KL:

“The main Council news at the moment is now that the Scottish Government budget has passed at stage 1, as a Council we're waiting for confirmation of a few figures that will impact our budget going forward.

We know that's there's going to be extra money for teaching staff and for ASN, but there's still discussions at COSLA level how some of that will come out in the wash.

There's also unfortunately not much of an update on buses - I asked at Committee last week why families are still waiting for decisions, and why we've been told March - which is after our budget-setting in February. Essentially - we don't have any indication of how much money has been "saved", which isn't exactly ideal heading into a budget. I've been told I'll get an update soon.”

ES to email KL regarding recent anti-social behaviour, also for an update on previous minibus query.

JB – offered to seek advice regarding minibuses.

4. **Friends of Hallside** - only Elaine still active so plan moving forward is to rebrand and involve parent and pupil body ie a “PTA” model
5. **Funding subgroup** – GB wrote cheque and issued to SS for sports equipment purchased (£1028.47) (SS sorting out incorrect number of items delivered) - Asgard storage unit in place – SS advised that Broxap shelter order delayed/pending. SS/RB/LO discussed desire for stationary items i.e. glue, whiteboard pens, Sellotape – idea re-suggested for Amazon Wishlist which ES will look into
6. **Secondary School Transport** - email received by ES regarding school transport query:

“Good morning

The decision to implement the change in secondary school transport from August 2025 allows for advance notice for parents to make other arrangements. However, the council remains committed to helping with sustainable or active travel options and connecting families who might want to travel together, where possible to do so.

We have begun conversations around the potential for bus operators to take on additional services, and have a further meeting arranged next week.

In the coming months, we will work with secondary schools to support families during this change. This will include working with parents and pupils to explore suitable alternative means of travel.

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7. Communications

7.1 Change of PE days, Communication about ASC, Communication about school show, communication about class specific award PJ days etc.

SS advised that Parents Portal replaces email and that on a class level parents should still be vigilant for letters home in bags. RB advised that Google Classroom could be used for Class Level notices i.e. award days.

Discussed difficulties in finding school calendar on Parents Portal – SS said she can feed back to Parents Portal about having a search or pin function introduced

ES advised there have been issues with school show tickets – SS asked ES to advise that people contact the school via email ASAP

8. PE days not taking place – SS advised nobody has contacted the school to discuss this with them

9. Annual report

9.1 Apologies again.

10. Next meetings –

10.1 Next Parent Council 5th March 2025