



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Hallside Primary School

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

Present: Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mr Robert Bamford (RB), Emma Sharp (ES) (Chair); Neil McCallum (NMcC) (Vice Chair), Aileen Patterson (AP), Leesa McCue (LM), Anja Schone (AS); Ashley Rafferty (AR); Ashley Middleton (AM)

Apologies: Cllr Fulton, Jenny Boyce (JB), Leanne Murdoch (LM), Deborah Green (DG), Mrs O'Neil (EON)

Previous minutes (any clarifications and amendments)

1.1.1 FoH/Christmas Fayre incl Natasha's Law – amendment to minutes suggested around wording of bullet point regarding Natasha's law – suggested change There was discussion about the home baking stall and whether this needed to comply with legislation e.g. Natasha's Law – it was agreed that Mrs S would seek further guidance from Central Office.

1.1.2 PE kits from Dec meeting (ES) – previous meetings item had been around football club rather than PE and children can continue to attend school in PE clothes on PE days.

2. Head Teacher's Report (SS)

Appended to minute

3. Councillors' Reports

No updates available

4. Health and Safety (SS)

4.1 The road crossings are now fixed on both sides of the school.

5. Hallside Family Fun Quiz (all)

5.1 AM has set up a WhatsApp group for organising the Hallside Family Fun Quiz.

6. P1 enrolment

6.1 Support from parent council to P1 enrolment process (LM): Flyers will be given to all P1 parents at the induction day and a representative from Parent Council will attend to talk about the role of the Parent Council.

6.2 There is likely to be an increase in roll for the incoming p1s but not at a level where the configuration of classes will require extra teaching staff.

7. Funding

7.1 Clarification was provided on the differing roles of FoH as the fundraising and social events planning body and the Parent Council being more involved in the school education and day to day running of the school.

7.2 Funding Applications for transport, out of school clubs etc. (LM, JB, ES, AM) – Dates to be set for this in coming month.

7.3 Bank account and treasurer role – a discussion took place about the parent council bank account. This has not been closed as previously agreed and recent statement showed funds in the region of £200 available. A discussion took place about ways forward and it was agreed to keep the account open for the fundraising subgroup and donate the current funds to the school.

7.4 New Treasurer appointed tonight was Gordon Brough. ES to liaise with former treasurer about changing of signatories.

7.5 Clarification to be sought about necessity of Parent council registering with OSCR as a charity for funding applications.

8. **Homework** – Homework was discussed as some parents had raised that specific classes do not have the hand ins traversing a weekend in which to complete homework. Working parents find this difficult. Potential barriers and solutions were discussed and the senior leadership team will discuss further with teaching staff.

9. Follow up on previous agenda items

9.1 White board pens – linked to funding – still ongoing.

9.2 Cutlery – an assessment on the christmas lunch concluded no further action moving forward was needed. Pupil councils have come up with the idea of a skills sharing enterprise which P5/6 will assist, within the skills sharing enterprise the students will learn tying of laces and ties.

10. Other meetings

10.1 Pupil Council – representatives of the pupil council are invited to May meeting and we look forward to welcoming them

11. **Next meeting** – 3rd May 2023 @ 6:30pm in the School.

8th March 2023 Fun Family Quiz

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL REPLACE SCHEDULED MEETING ON MARCH 1st 2023



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Headteacher Report



Welcome

It is lovely to see everyone. I hope you all had a lovely holiday.

Christmas Activities

While it seems like a really long time ago I can't not acknowledge our wonderful P1 children who performed an exceptional, entertaining and emotional nativity.

Our P4-P6 children have also started to think about next Christmas by participating in the design competition highlighted by members of the PC all entries have been submitted. Thank you to Mrs Welsh for organising.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mr Russell back to school today. A huge thank you to Mrs O'Neill for covering the class so well ensuring a consistent high quality teaching and learning experience for our young people.

Personnel dept contacted me before Christmas to advise that we would receive temporary staffing additionality (June'23). Miss Rachel Wadsworth (teacher) is currently working within the school supporting learners in P4 and P5/6 classes. This is in addition to class teachers.

Mrs Joanne McConnell (Specialist Support Teacher) is currently not at work. No cover can be provided due to significant staffing issues. Mr Hermie Longalong (Brass Music Specialist) will not be in school for the next few weeks. It is hoped expected that cover will be provided.

P1 Enrolment

We have enrolled 59 children in total at Hallside to start P1 in August. Some of these children are possible deferred entries, some placing requests out. In addition to this number we have 7 pending placing requests into the school. It is anticipated that we will have two P1 classes, or a P1 and P1/2 class next session with an anticipated school roll of 265.

Budget Update

Delighted to advise that we received £1831 additional funding downloaded to the core school budget. This will be used to cover the cost of swimming lessons for P6 children and associated transport costs.

The current balance of PEF is £3817. We are on target to spend all funds prior to the end of the financial year. Remaining money will be used to cover Abernethy trip for some families and go towards PB result of whole school trip.

Improvement Planning

In support school Improvement planning actions previously discussed we have also accessed the following via SLC Strategic Equity Funding.

This week Mrs Welsh and Miss Leslie have undertaken training on Nuffield Early Language Intervention training.

Next week Ms Belardo begins Play Pedagogy training.

As part of our IP work on curriculum design and co-constructing a curriculum rationale with the school community all classes are currently considering the story of Hallside...culminating with a whole school show telling this story!

Out of School Hours Learning

In addition to boys football, girls football and athletics for senior pupils we have increased our out of school hours learning with STEM Club, Street Dance and Basketball (P4 and P5 pupils), Gymnastics and Multi Sports (P3 Pupils).

P7 Residential

Next month! P7 pupils are attending their P7 residential. The trip is Monday 27th March until Thursday 30th March to Barcaple Abernethy trust site. Important information has been issued to families and an information session has been organised. Mrs Talent, Mrs Johnstone, Miss Leslie and I will accompany the children on the trip.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

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

