



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th December 2022

Held in-person at the school

1. Welcome, Apologies, Previous Minute and Opening Remarks

Present: Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mr Robert Bamford (RB), Neil McCallum (NMCC) (Vice Chair), Leanne Murdoch (LM) (Secretary), Aileen Patterson (AP), **Deborah (D)**.

Apologies: Emma Sharp (ES), Leesa McCue (LMCC) and Councillor Alastair Fulton (AF).

Previous minutes: No amendments proposed.

Opening Remarks: NMCC welcomed everyone to the parent council meeting.

2. Eco Committee

- Members of the pupil Eco Committee gave a presentation to the parent council.

3. Head Teachers report

- See appended report which also refers to curriculum rationale.

4. Councillor's reports

- No reports or feedback given as none of the Councillors were in attendance.

5. Funding

5.1 £1 Non uniform funding

- NMCC asked for clarity on the £1 voluntary donation for the dress down day and where this money goes.
- SS advised that this money goes to the school.

5.2 Funding applications for transport, out of school clubs

- **Deborah** expressed interest in joining this group.
- The group will meet in the new year to look at funding/ grants available.

5.3 Spelling Bee

- Carried over as GB not in attendance

5.4 Any actions needed for quiz with FOH in March

- A suggestion was made that hampers could be made up for raffles. Items could be donated to the hampers by parents.

- FOH and HPC are to work more closely together to work collaboratively to raise funds for the school.
- Discussion was generated regarding feedback from the recent Xmas fayre. NMCC offered a few learning for areas including having runners who could go between stalls/areas, using walkie talkie's for the runners to communicate and having maps on display showing where things are.
- It was also suggested that pupils could run the stalls, and potentially, each class could make items for the stalls as part of an enterprise initiative.
- Home baking stalls must comply with legislation (i.e. Natasha's law) and have a list of ingredients on display.
- NMCC informed that some stalls did well whilst some stalls didn't generate much profit. Accordingly a rethink is needed as to stalls in future.
- An action plan could be drawn up so that these learning points aren't forgotten about. FOH will receive a copy of the HPC minutes.
- FOH is a valuable part of the school community and the efforts of its volunteers are gratefully appreciated.
- It was however suggested that the format of FOH meetings should be changed to make the meeting times/ dates more accessible to all parents rather than a select few. Perhaps an online questionnaire could be sent out to gauge interest/ availability?

6 Homework

- Parents present advised that dates for submission of homework had been previously agreed as Monday to Monday. Homework was given out on a Monday with a return date of the following Monday. This was to allow parents to do homework with their children at the weekend. SS did not believe this to be the case.
- Some parents and teachers feel that homework should not be done at the weekend as children should be able to relax and have fun at the weekend.
- SS advised that due to operational reasons, homework submission is done on set days. Homework must be marked by the teachers and there needs to be adequate time given to enable teachers to mark homework.
- A family homework club will start in January 2023.

7 Sports/ PE/ Football

- AP asked if children can come in to school wearing their gym clothes/ sports kit.
- SS and RB confirmed that this was allowed during COVID but children should change into their kits or wear them under their school uniforms.
- RB will speak to P6/7 kids to advise them of this.

8 Follow up on previous agenda items

8.2 White board pens – more dusters will be purchased. SS advised that teachers/ schools are limited due to procurement options.

8.3 Cutlery – ES had shared an email response from facilities re cutlery.

9 Other meetings

- ES and NMCC had attended the recent pupil Council meeting. Neil advised that it was good to see the Pupil Council in action. Good ideas were generated by the Pupil Council and the meeting was run efficiently and punctually.



10. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 6.30pm in Hallside Primary School.



Hallside Primary School **Parent Council Meeting 07.12.22** **Headteacher Report**

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone.

Christmas Activities

A massive thank you to Friends of Hallside, our parent/carers volunteers and the school community for supporting through donations or attending the Fayre. Friends of Hallside raised a wonderful £1882.51. The event is not only important in terms of fundraising but also in fostering teamwork, community and creating memories. It was lovely to see this event back after three years.

We also had the panto back in school for the first time since 2018! Delighted that we could offer this event free to all families due to Friends of Hallside covering the cost. Feedback from the school community was generally very positive with one comment noted, walking back up the corridor to class, "That was the best day of my life!"

We issued the Hallside Christmas Timetable to all families in the December newsletter.

Scottish Equity Fund

The following training is being accessed via SLC offer utilising Scottish Equity Funding)

- Play-Based Learning Training (Ms Belardo attending practitioner enquiry training Jan'23 – Dec'23)
- Accessing Nuffield Early Language Intervention training (Begin in Jan'23 – targeted intervention Early Level)

Additional Counselling Supports

Kooth

- South Lanarkshire Council commissioned Kooth Online Service. (Information attached)
- We were delighted to welcome Chevonne Bell from Kooth to the school to deliver a presentation to P6 and P7 children on this service. All parents and carers of P6 and P7 children have received the attached letter.

Exchange Play Therapy

As a learning community we have received £5000 (primary schools) to access play therapy for younger children as a targeted support. We have accessed this support for some of our younger learners. This is in addition the funds we receive for children 10 years and over which we use to access support from Wellbeing Scotland for some senior pupils.

Curriculum Rationale

- A Curriculum Rationale is a position statement, created in conjunction with stakeholders, that sets out the framework for meeting the needs of all learners.

South Lanarkshire Council. (2020). Framework for the Curriculum.

As part of the process in co-constructing rationale we had an interactive activity at parents' evening to seek to capture parent/carer views on what makes Hallside PS unique.

Transition

We received confirmation this week that families with children due to start P1 in August 2023 will be able to enrol from week commencing 9th January. Enrolment will be online for all schools.

Secondary transition information will be distributed to P7 children in January also.

Mr Bamford and I have checked with the central team that the catchment area maps on SLC web page have been updated, in light of our catchment review, and we have received confirmation that this has been amended to reflect the change.

Health and Safety

The PC of the school CCTV system was replaced this week and the janitor has confirmed that all cameras are now fully working.

All schools have received information and guidance from the Department of Public Health regarding the increase in group A streptococcal infections.

Budget

We received a cheque for £1200 from Friends of Hallside which we paid into the school account to cover the cost of the panto.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

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

