



Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Held in-person at the school

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

Present: Mrs Susanne Sandilands (SS), Mrs Elizabeth O'Neil (EO'N), Emma Sharp (ES) (Chairperson), Leanne Murdoch (LM) (Secretary), Aileen Patterson (AP), Ashley Rafferty (AR), Ian Cairns (IC), Neil McCallum (NMCC) and Councillor Katie Loudon (KL).

Apologies: Gordon Brough (GB), Ashley Middleton (AM), Leesa McCue (LMCC)

- ES welcomed everyone to the Parent Council meeting.
- Thanks were given to everyone for attending, with gratitude expressed to all school staff for their continued support to the children and their families.
- SS noted that there were just 39 days left of the school year. There are lots of things still to get through and the school/ staff are all busy at this time.
- The minutes of the last meeting will be resent to the Parent Council group for comment and amendment if required.

2. Head Teachers report (SS)

- See appended report.
- Hallside's got history was a success with parents agreeing it was emotional and lovely at the same time.
- The street dance after school activity has seen 32 children attending, comprising of a mixture of boys and girls.
- The family fun quiz was also a positive event which helped generate funds for the school. Thanks were expressed by SS to those involved, namely AM and NMCC.
- FOH have agreed to donate £700 towards the cost of bus hire of school trips/ activities.
- IC asked about the schools plans for the Kings Coronation as not all families view this as an opportunity for celebration. SS advised that the school will mark the event on the 4th May in recognition of it as a historical moment in history.
- The school children will get to design a banner for Landimer.
- Mrs Byrne has completed the Bike Ability course.

3. Councillor's reports (KL)

- Planning permission has been sought for battery storage near Newton train station. There will be a public consultation in Fernhill on the 2nd May. IC suggested that the school kids could design an image/cover for the batteries to make them less of an eyesore. KL will provide details of the marketing company involved.
- There will be a public consultation re: the Carmyle viaduct.
- A licensing application has been made for a fun fair at Halfway Park.

- Numerous complaints have been raised re: disposable vapes and the impact this has on the environment, damage to cars from devices exploding and the age of users as many users are underage. The Scottish Government are looking into this matter at present.
- There will be a special meeting held in May where councillors will ask for SLLCs decision to remove concessionary fees to be reversed.
- Tony McDaid, Executive Director of Education is leaving post. KL and SS feel that this will be a huge loss as Tony has always been supportive to the school.
- The planning applications for proposed shops at the Newton train station area have not been progressed by the developers.

4. Friends of Hallside (SS)

- SS advised that FOH will host a summer fayre on Saturday 3rd June from 11am – 2pm.
- A meeting has been arranged in the school tomorrow (27th April at 6.30pm) to discuss the event and progress plans. All are welcome to attend and volunteers are needed.
- The event will not have a professional face painter, but anyone in the school community with face painting skills is welcome to donate their skills and time.
- There will be car boot pitches available at a cost of £10.
- Entry is £3 and includes tea/ coffee. Kids entry is free.
- Volunteers will man stalls for an hour and get a break/ opportunity to change stalls/ enjoy the day as participants.
- Parent members were aware of this event as a post had been put out on facebook. Members of the Parent Council had been advised that all communications about FOH would come directly from the school. It was discussed that a few members of the Parent Council, as well as other parents/carers, are keen to be involved in fundraising activities. SS to look into this in an attempt to improve communication and collaborative working.

5. Fundraising sub group (LM, ES)

- The funding sub group have met twice. A terms of reference document has been drawn up.
- The group currently comprise of ES, LM, AM and Anja Schone (AS). New members are welcome to join.
- AS is the link between the group and the school, namely SS and the pupil council.
- AS is to attend the next Pupil Council to meet with pupils to gather their suggestions which will inform funding priorities for the funding sub-group.
- It has proven difficult to get a date/time for the group to meet.
- AS has suggested creating a Google form to be emailed out to teachers to gather their ideas as to funding priorities.
- LM suggested using the SLC Climate Resilience Fund to progress biking opportunities now that Mrs Byrne has achieved the Bike Ability certificate. LM will progress this application in conjunction with the funding sub-group.
- It was suggested that perhaps setting up a MS teams chat could help the funding subgroup to share ideas and act as a form of communication.

6. P1 enrolment (SS)

- This will take place on Wednesday 14th June at 1.30pm.
- Emma will email FOH to see if they would like to attend this event.
- Other members of the Parent Council are welcome to attend this event – LM will check her diary and confirm availability.

7. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 7th June at 6.30 pm in Hallside Primary School.



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Head Teacher Report

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone.

Celebrating Success

Thank you to everyone who supported our school show, 'Hallside's Got History'. This was something that started as a seed of an idea in considering, what makes Hallside Primary unique as part of our work in developing a curriculum rationale and I know you'll agree the outcome was outstanding. Every child in the school participated so well in telling the story of Hallside and demonstrated the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence. Thank you to Mr Bamford for engaging with our school community past and present to write the script, score the show. I have sent details of the show to education resources to be included in SLC Education Newsletter to celebrate this success widely.

Street Dance Club – A massive well done to our P4 and P5. 32 children across the two stages took part. Their performance at Rutherglen Town Hall was outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Byrne for choreographing, and facilitating this opportunity for our children.

Staffing Update / Improvement Planning

A warm welcome back to our principal teacher Mrs O'Neill.

Miss Wadsworth will continue to teach P5/6 with Miss Macdonald continuing to work closely to support the learning and pastoral needs of the children within P5/6. As part of Miss MacDonald's remit she is focussing on Developing Young Workforce aspect of our Improvement Planning for this session. We are looking forward to our World of Work Week beginning Monday 15th May.

Mrs Byrne will teach P1 on a Thursday and Friday. As part of her Acting PT remit Mrs Byrne was co-ordinating Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP). We are delighted that Mrs Byrne also volunteered to participate in recent Bikeability training and is now fully trained to deliver this programme to expand the opportunities and life skills that we are offering to our young people. Karen will be non class committed on Wednesdays to continue to fulfil this remit.

Congratulations to Miss Bannerman (P2 teacher). Rachel got married over the Spring break and is now Mrs Waterston. The class are very excited.

Reporting

Staff team are busy assessing and reporting. SLT are reading reports, it is anticipated that reports will be issued on Friday 5th May as stated in the annual calendar. We look

forward to welcoming families to the school for parents' evening on May 11th. We will again utilise School Cloud for families to book their own appointment slot.

P1 Enrolment 2023

We currently have 56 children registered to start P1 at Hallside PS in August. (Continues to be very fluid with placing request outcomes emailed to families today.) I will confirm final numbers at the June meeting.

We are in the process of organising visits to nurseries to meet children in their own environments and we look forward to working with our children and families at the induction afternoons on 13th and 14th June.

Budget

Awaiting school budget update from Cluster Team Officer.
School show raised £1382.50

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

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

