



High Mill Primary School

Parent Council

Record of Meeting



Date: Friday 31st January 2025

Present: Kirstine McDonald (HT), Jill Cairns (PT), Laura Cowan, Jackie Lindsay, Lynne McJarrow, Alana Hamilton, Debbie Mitchell, Fiona Withers

Apologies: Heather Good (Team Leader)

HT Report

Staffing update – Mrs Richardson and Mrs Bell currently off.

Mrs Hughes is also currently absent, we are hopeful this will be a short-term absence – next week the class will be covered by Miss Thorpe on Monday & Tuesday and Miss Cochrane from Wednesday to Friday.

A new P3 pupil has joined the school this week.

P1 enrolment has approx. 8 children for August, there is a possibility of moving to a 3 class structure but we are hopeful that we will remain at 4 classes, the final decision lies with SLC finance department.

School Vision

Kirstine shared her vision of High Mill, she wants High Mill to be:

A happy, welcoming, inclusive, equitable and safe school where learners are motivated by rich, challenging and meaningful learning opportunities and where everyone is treated with respect and kindness.

I want High Mill to be a school which recognises talents, celebrates diversity and where the needs of the whole child are met.

Encourages and supports all children to take responsibility for upholding their own and others' rights and where their voice in leading learning and driving improvement is at the centre of all that we do.

Fosters a sense of ambition and raises pupils' aspirations for their future and where pupils develop the skills and resilience needed for childhood and to be a citizen of the future.

School that is at the heart of its community; both learning from our partners and contributing to local groups and services.

Parents to be fully engaged and involved in their child's education and the wider life of the school. Both through supporting their child's individual learning journey but by sharing their skills to support the curriculum and 4 contexts for learning.

Where the staff team are skilled practitioners who are forward thinking and creative in the range of pedagogy used to support learning and teaching.

An environment where our team feel safe enough to take a risk, put themselves out there, try new things while knowing that it is OK to get things wrong.

Strong focus on teacher agency, where staff teachers have capacity to be purposefully and constructively to lead change and lead their own development and that of others where collegiality is the norm and I as HT set the conditions for change rather than directing it or just seeking compliance (only leads to short term gains) non sustainable.

Parents issued with a form to share their visions for High Mill – to complete and return to school.

Parent Council Finances

Following income from Christmas Fayre and expenditure on IDL, Play resources and snack for Nurture breakfast, the final balance is £1066.

School tracksuits

Laura C sourced sponsorship from Roadrunner garage for tracksuits – approx. 16 needed. Laura to update at next meeting.

Fundraising

Alana H suggested Football cards, she has some that she can provide, this was agreed to be a good fundraisers if people wanted to take some.

Jill to look into School Lottery and to promote Easy Fundraising

Dress down days for Spring Tea donations – Jill to issue dates to parents

7th Feb – chuck it in a bucket

28th Feb – bring in an item, the colour of your house

Spring Tea

All to donate catering etc – further discussion at next meeting

Gala Day

Laura suggested World War 2 – A Town Called Courage - poppies, soldiers, etc

Any other business

RRSA – Jill shared the leaflet with parents to highlight the application for the awards.

Date of next meeting

Friday 14th March at 2pm

Action Points

Action to be taken	By whom	By when
Details to be confirmed for tracksuits, etc	Laura C	14 th March
School Lottery to be set up Easy Fundraising to be promoted to parents	Jill	ASAP
Information regarding Dress Down Day to be shared with parents	Jill	ASAP
Forms to be completed by parents regarding the school vision	All parents	ASAP