

**Wester Overton Parent Council meeting minutes**

**29th April 2025**

**Present:** June Moir, Laura Ann Bailkoski, Fiona Hannah, Emma Beaumont, Alison Chand, Stephanie Chillingworth, Sarah Hamilton-Reilly, Lisa Hendry (chair), Mary Ann Hutchison, Karen Kelly, Jen Minford, Stacey Nisbet, Amy Piper, Kirsty Redfern.

**Apologies:** Sarah Murray, Michelle Perrie, Gillian Storrie, Lyndsey Taylor.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28th May, 7pm**

**Welcome and apologies**

**Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising**

**June’s news**

June reported on the following news from the school:

We currently have 43 enrolments including our placing requests. This will give us two straight P1 classes, and a projected 13 classes. We can’t at this stage confirm which staged will be composites. Classes will be provisionally set by the middle of June.

We have been informed that we will receive an additional year of Pupil Equity Funding. This will be at the same level as the past 2 years, so we will be allocated £33,057.

We are continuing to develop our outdoor play as this increases pupil engagement, social skills, inc. compromising, discussing, negotiating, turn taking, The Play Hub from Operation Play Outdoors has arrived. All classes have been introduced to it, and class training sessions have been organised. We have also started replacing our playground play equipment, which is very well used, and creating outdoor trolleys for classes.

We have our Participatory Budget allocation of 7% which is just over £2000, which we will invite suggestions and give staff/ pupils and parents a vote on what we spend this on. This has to target children on SIMD 1-3 or free school meals entitlement.

Last year we invested our PB in updating our PE equipment including new footballs, netballs, basketballs, running boards and javelins. and buying in specialists.

We are currently organising Sports Week, with a range of specialists coming in. This year will have our take on a triathlon, with P6-7s working in teams for cycling, running and swimming. We’ve hired out the pool for this.

**WWE fundraising event**

Amy reported on costs for the Strathaven Hotel for this event - £150 to hire big room at the hotel, plus £700 for the wrestling event. Organisers report that tickets are normally charged at £10 per person. Kirsty noted that we would need to sell 85 tickets to break even. Amy to check hotel capacity and availability for Thursday 4th September, 7pm to 9pm.

**Smartphone usage for children**

Amy gave details of a survey asking for parents’ views on Smartphone use among children. June agreed to circulate the survey among parents [now done]. Discussion took place on a possible stand on phone use at next parents’ night.

**200 Club update and draw**

The draw took place for the 200 Club:

£40: Lisa Hunter (111)

£20: Euan Chalmers (49)

£20: Emma McMullan (38)

**AOB**

Discussion took place around timing of school bell, which currently rings three minutes early. June to inform bell company about this.

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