



Draft Woodhead Parent Council Tuesday 5th February 2019

Present: Elaine Ferguson (EF), Scott Clark (SC), Collet Watson (CW), Rachel Miller (RM) Shelia Moore (SM) Faye Kennedy (FK) Pamela Shearer (PS), Stephen Lomax (SL), Rita Cowan (RC) Caroline Sneddon (CS), Councillor Joe Lowe (JL), Councillor John Ross (JR), and Councillor Lynne Naillon (LN)

Apologies: Councillor Josh Wilson

Constitution

Copy of Constitution to be reviewed and discussed at next meeting- please see copy attached.

E-mail

Concerns raised by SM regarding how to limit non-parent Council business being fed into email if launched. SC agreed to investigate Glow to include “who to contact” flow chart and link to relevant contact details. **SC**

Pathway from Skylands Rise

Street sweeper has visited since last visit, concerns raised about the time the sweeper came (0845) JL advised he will check the frequency of visits, but believes resources are currently implemented for gritting etc. JR confirmed that the path is now on the route to be carried out. **JL**

Adverse weather plan

SM asked for clarification, SC confirmed that a 3pm adverse weather plan means all children will be released class at a time from the main entrance. Information text will be sent at 2p confirming adverse weather plan is being implemented. SC feels it is very unlikely to be needed as this allows time for janitor to clear paths etc. PS asked if more than one mobile number could be added for other caregivers. SC confirmed it is only one number per child as contact.

Extension

Work has not been affected by adverse weather, builders advise 1 week ahead of schedule, almost water tight. Services connected between last weekend and this weekend. Disruption to school has been kept to a minimum.

Groundworks

Plans shown of the proposed groundworks which can be viewed on the original planning application for the school. Plans subject to approval by costing. Plans include Nature area with willow tunnels, walkways etc. Nurture area with sensory garden, planters and seating area. Nursery to have separate gated area with painted playground, mud kitchen etc with access to the main playground. Surface of muga pitch to be changed to all weather ground due to drainage. All groundworks to be completed by summer.

SC has expressed a keen interest to keep the extension feeling that it is part of the existing school and make it feel as one.

IT provision

CTouch board with laptops to be supplied for new classrooms. This will be of an advantage to the school as these are not fixed and do not require a separate projector- meaning these can be used in other areas in the school.

Pupil Press

Pupil council to visit as part of press pack to allow children to report back to their class. Works on track to be ready for summer.

Nursery

Council have made the nursery accessible as Woodhead Primary Nursery Class. It will be offered on a term time basis under new 1140 hours funding, with 48 full time places. Hours will be 0845-1445 to ease congestion and enhance safety for younger pupils. Hours are not going to be offered bespoke, but a recommended 5day, full hours week. There is no provision for venerable 2-year olds, places offered to 3-5 only. Staffing will comprise of One teacher, a team leader, and six early years practioners to be managed by CW. SC has requested that the position of Teacher is specifically advertised for the nursery to reach the ideal applicant. Applications are via a drop-in service on Wednesday 13th February, any child who is 3 between the 1st of March 2019 and February 2020 can apply. Only first-time applicants can apply to the school. Any child who has applied at another nursery even within SLC will have to apply for a transfer via their original nursery and take the form to Woodhead to get signed and submit it to education department. Applications are open until the end of March. Places are not given on a first come c, first served basis. Entry is based on SLC levels of admissions and places will be given on a priority basis. Uniform is to be kept the same, SC wants it to feel part of the school, but does not want to take away the full uniform experience for the child starting primary one. FK suggested bright coloured polo shirts with an optional school logo, thus creating pricing levels for all families.

August Enrolment

Intake is 36 primary ones, 3 of these are ASN applications ,2 places have been deferred. 18 placing requests out the school, 5 requests in, these are not included in the figure of 36. Lower enrolment year seen across South Lanarkshire. If all places are granted this will mean 41 primary ones starting with 48 primary 7 children leaving the school. Taking the total enrolment to 336, or 384 if nursery children are included. These numbers secure management staffing. Number would need to hit 429 to require another principle teacher. New houses have not impact school enrolment. Predicted to have 13 classes, potentially need to lose a teacher due to being over staffed. SC to speak to Stuart Nicholson to give allowance due to predicted increase to pupil enrolment with both the nursery and housing development. SC feels current staffing is needed to ensure a successful launch of nursery. JW offered to speak to the council regarding the situation.

PEF

Current budget runs until end of February, SC wants to use PEF for Joanne Keltie following the success so far. CS offered additional training through NHS re childhood trauma etc. PS suggested mental health training for staff through charities, JW advised there are resources available through Community Partnership. SC explained that it was something he worked closely with in his North Lanarkshire role and feels the staff need to be taken n the journey to allow a successful role out with quality results. Emotion Works training will be first as detailed in spreadsheet of expenses. SC expressed an interest of reviewing rewards system.

Treasurer

No longer applicable. SC suggested PS and CS claim for time for role within the Parent Council, fee of £45 for time. Previous applicants have chosen to donate this back to the school. EF expressed concern regarding tax status. Thought to be a second job and affect tax band. SC to investigate. **SC**

Next Meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 30th April 6:45pm due to no change in school business until new tax year.
