

WOODHEAD PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 1st June 2021

Conducted virtually using Zoom

Parent Council meeting

PRESENT: Scott Jasnosz-Clark (SC), Elaine Ferguson (EF), Claire Fox (CF), Sheila Moore (SM), Scott Lindsay (SL), Freya Kennedy (FK), Pamela Shearer (PS), Colette Watson (CW) , Alison Yim (AY), Karen Mulholland (KM), Rachel Miller (RM) and Helen Paterson (HP)

APOLOGIES: Lauren Stewart, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Stephen Lennox, Councillor John Ross will be late as he has a previous appointment.

Matters arising

Breakfast Club - EF emailed Tony McDaid, reply was sent out, said outwith control as expected and under regular review. SC to share with parents that PC are still involved with trying to reintroduce breakfast club. Add to agenda for next meeting.

Photos in school, Stephen Lennox had a reply and issue resolved itself.

Broken glass in door, fixed the very next day – coincidence.

Head Teachers Report

Not on a position to confirm class sized due to enrolling students and teacher recruitment due to nursery teacher restructure. New teachers allowance also announced allowing for extra teaching hours.

Potential for class letters being late due to the above issues.

Transition – PS raised issues passed on by nursery parents.

P1 transition days, no parents can attend and this will stay as outwith school control.

Children from Woodhead primary will come without parents however non Woodhead childrens parents will just be dropping off and waiting, no parents will be in the school unless an ASN requirement. All children will get the same transition experience.

PS – the video was very good and liked that able to watch again for those who couldn't make it.

SC – first day will be 1 parent only for drop off unless guidance changes over the summer.

SC – any child with ASN can contact the school as will do everything to help.

Final stage planning for nursery celebration day, will be limited to one parent per child, outdoors whatever the weather. Will be confirmed by the end of the week and apologies to parents who cant make it due to short notice.

Leavers Assembly being confirmed but will be the 17th June, it will be outdoors and at 4pm to allow it to be held as part of the school day.

Photographers aren't allowed into the school but a member of staff has volunteered to take photos at the nursery celebration and another staff member at the leavers assembly which will be made available for parents.

Cllr Ross joins and apologises for being late due to another meeting.

Covid in the school, a small connected set of cases traced to community transmission. Some parents were asking if school should be closed for deep cleaning, SC explains that current cleaning regime means the school is constantly being deep cleaned due to the long lasting products used and frequency of cleaning.

Cllr Ross saying that he's seeing the case rates for all schools and Woodhead has remained very low, he gives his thanks to school staff for all the hard work that goes into dealing with any cases and appreciates its a lot of pressure on the staff.

SC apologising that some children had to isolate twice, CF has reorganised p7 transition meetings.

SC confirmed that children don't need a negative test to return to school if they've been isolating.

AOB

Traffic around the school and Balmore drive.

FK asked to raise the issue of parking and safe routes to school by a parent that walks from Meikle Earnock road, crossing Balmore Drive to get her child to school. During lockdown the yellow zigzags on Balmore Drive were repainted and it has been confirmed that these are legally enforceable which had previously been discussed by FK with the PC.

SC pleased to hear that this situation with the zigzags confirmed and he will take action to advise parents that they should not be parking on the zigzags in the newsletter and with spot checks.

Cllr Ross confirmed he had been made aware of an increase in traffic on Meikle Earnock Road due to new houses being built and there is community support for traffic surveys which would include safe crossing points.

EF asking that the areas around Woodhead looked at again to consider the extra traffic and safe crossings for all children, Cllr Ross said he will look and see what the procedures are.

SC finished the meeting by thanking Elaine Ferguson for her years as Chairperson and for everything she has done for Woodhead.

Hopefully the next meeting will be face to face on the 2nd Sept 2021, and SC has invited EF to join the meeting for a chance to say goodbye properly.

Next Meeting 2nd Sept 2021