

WOODHEAD PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 11TH May 2021

Conducted virtually using Zoom

Parent Council meeting

PRESENT: Scott Jasnosz-Clark (SJC), Elaine Ferguson (EF), Claire Fox (CF), Helen Paterson (HP), Sheila Moore (SM), Scott Lindsay (SL), Freya Kennedy (FK), Pamela Shearer (PS), Colette Watson (CW), Rachel Miller (RM), Alison Yim (AY), Karen Mulholland (KM), Councillor John Ross, Lauren Stewart (LS), Councillor Lynne Nailon (LN), Laura McIntyre, Helen Paterson

APOLOGIES: Matt Hooper (MH), Stephen Lennox (SL)

HT Report

Breakfast Club

- SJC provided an update that the Breakfast Club still does not have sufficient staff to be able to run.
- Toast2Go service running well with between 60-90 children utilising service daily.
- SL raised concerns that Parent Council had not contacted SLC directly on the issue and that this should be addressed.
- **ACTION: EF to email Tony McDaid on behalf of the Parent Council to get an official response on the situation.**
- Councillors Ross and Nailon to also continue to push for a resolution.

End of Term Events

- **Events being considered:**
 - **Nursery end of term celebration**
 - **P1 Transition Events**
 - **P7 Leavers Events**
 - **Sports Day**
- SJC explained that the school is awaiting guidelines on what end of term events could take place. Initial plans have been made and will be shared once guidelines have been issued.
- PS stated nursery parents are concerned about lack of communication re: nursery end of term and that nursery parents are keen for a cap and gown photoshoot to be planned.
- SJC advised that the previous newsletter mentioned events were being looked into and an update would be provided as soon as possible.
- SJC advised that cap and gown photoshoots will not be organised by the school for hygiene and cost reasons.
- EF raised the issue of photographers in schools on behalf of Steven Lennox who queried why North Lanarkshire schools seem to have been able to have photography sessions in schools.

- Helen (Head Teacher in North Lanarkshire) and SJC advised that photographers are currently not allowed in schools under COVID restrictions.
- **ACTION: EF to advise SL to email Councillor Ross the details and he will investigate it.**

Class Allocations 2021/22

- SJC advised that they are awaiting placing request outcomes
- Current class configuration of 13 classes
- 2 P1s and a P1/2 class

Parents' nights 2021/22

- Interim report and 1 parents' night or 2 parents' nights?
 - SJC asked for preferences of 1 or 2 parents' nights, clear preference for two parents nights.
- Use of parents' night booking systems
 - SJC advised benefits of using system, saving staff time in arranging appointments, easily accessible for parents.
 - SJC acknowledged the issue of the automated email making reference to 'video appointment' – this would be requested to be fixed for the next parents' night.

Progress and Attainment report

- New SLC system being used
- Change in reporting of Curriculum of Excellence (CfE)
- Reduced comments – focussed on strengths and next steps
- SJC advised that the reports will be issued on the 11th June (sent home with the children), hopefully with a letter with the child's class and teacher for next term.

2021/2022 Parent Council Dates

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
7 September 2021 (AGM)	1 February 2022
5 October 2021	1 March 2022
2 November 2021	10 May 2022
7 December 2021	7 June 2022

AOB

- School Uniform – General consensus that adherence to school uniform policy is lacking. SJC to address next term as considered now is not the time to push it.
- School uniform on PE days to be confirmed as soon as possible. Preference from both parents and teachers appears to be for PE Kit as uniform on PE days (e.g. grey/black leggings, shorts or joggers with white polo shirt and grey sweatshirt).

- Query re: whether the school accepts good condition school clothing. SJC advised the school is grateful to receive these in line with COVID guidelines (laundered, put in plastic bags, hands sanitised when dropping off at school where they will be quarantined for 72 hours). The school also has a clothes recycling bin at the front gate.
- Should members of the PC be aware of any parents who are struggling for school clothing, please make them aware that the school can help.
- Concern that the door next to Miss Casey's class has been broken for some time. SJC advised he is trying to get this fixed with SLC. **ACTION: SJC to email Councillor Ross on the issue and he will try to get it resolved.**

Next meeting 1ST June.