

WOODHEAD PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 7th September 2021

Conducted virtually using Zoom

Parent Council meeting

PRESENT: Scott Jasnosz-Clark (SC), Claire Fox (CF), Sheila Moore (SM), Scott Lindsay (SL), Freya Kennedy (FK), Pamela Shearer (PS), Alison Yim (AY), Karen Mulholland (KM), Rachel Miller (RM), Helen Paterson (HP), Matt Hooper (MH) Councillor Lynne Nailon(LN), Stephen Lennox(SL), Councillor John Ross(JR), Laura McIntyre (LM), Fiona Hendry(FH), Lisa Gardner (LG)

APOLOGIES.

AGM

Post holders resign, SC thanks post holders for the past year.

Chairperson, PS nominates Sheila Moore, SL 2nd

Vice Chair, Karen Mulholland offered to be vice chair, SL nominated, MH 2nd

Secretary, AY nominated Freya Kennedy, 2nd LM

Teachers Representative, Rachel Miller agreed to remain in position, nominated SM, 2nd PS

School management representative, Claire Fox, nominated KM, HP 2nd

SC suggests change of AGM date to allow for end of year report and discuss constitution.

SM agrees to report in June and still have an AGM in October to allow for office bearers, MH agrees this is beneficial, rest of PC agree.

SM, any changes to constitution?

SC suggests change to have at least one member is a nursery parent. SL also suggests allowing for one member of nursery staff to join. FK to amend constitution, SC will circulate before next meeting. SC asking for feedback from parent body the week before next meeting.

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SM, Insurance documents came in to cover for activities, will be forwarded to FK to be included in minutes and will also circulate to the PTA Chair.

Head Teacher Report

Covid Security

Govt guidelines due to be reviewed after 6 weeks of school being back , will await that. High compliance with parents and any parents asking for explanations are happy and understand the need for these to be in place.

Changes to track and trace, school no longer involved, general email to parents when a positive case in the school, only one email per week, no close contact class isolation.

Woodhead taking part in CO2 monitoring to test air circulation.

Staffing

All info circulated in the newsletter.

Turnover in nursery staff due to resumption of SLC staff transfer procedures, all settled well.

interviews this week for new school SA, candidate identified.

Mrs McPhee starts maternity on Friday

Mrs Houston will retire on the 30th September

School Improvement

Recovery Standards and Quality Report June 2021, available on the main website. Add to agenda for next meeting to allow PC to read it and discuss.

School improvement plan is also on the website, SC draws attention to reading, targeted intervention in place, will discuss at next meeting.

HP asks as a side note to staffing, why would a child have an NQT two years in a row, especially in P1 and P2, SC agrees this is not ideal but many factors considered but he'll take feedback on board.

Achieving Excellence/Overall Progress

submitted for P1/P4/P7, not the same children, it's the year group.

School collects data for every year group but only these 3 reported to Scottish Government. P4s from last year stand out, is it because the P4s didn't cope well with online learning, children targeted in P5 and their parents have been alerted. P4 teachers reporting they were very nearly on target so no major concerns. SC frustrated that this school data is presented in some national newspapers as 'league tables'.

PEF Allocation

All schools had PEF increased.

Opportunity to involve stakeholders, participatory budget to include parents and pupils.

Majority targeted to staffing (April-March)

Correlation with barriers to attendance and family situation so funded staff post of family communication officer, plus additional staff days. 62K PEF on staff.

Intervention must be decile 1, 2 and free dinners, cannot take a place from targeted child.

Training for staff for catch up on literacy and numeracy.

Subscriptions for online learning like Sumdog, IDL Maths which will benefit all school.

Developing a reading culture will be a new target.

Participatory Budget, Mrs Keltie met with pupils for their ideas, Mrs K opened up to parent body and there will be a meeting to discuss parents ideas.

School Lets are booked for the year including discos and meetings in case in person events can go ahead.

Biannual health and safety audit will happen this year, delayed from last year.

KM, are split breaks and lunches to remain, SC hopes to go back to it in due time but this will depend on a change to large gatherings mitigation.

Breakfast Club

SC spoke to Gillian Reid, still no staff. SM, PC due to report to parents, any views?

PS asking about volunteers, SC says still need to staff but he'll circulate for school volunteers for this year so if it becomes possible then there are volunteers in place.

Cllr Ross offered to speak to Tony McDaid to clarify the position of volunteers, Cllr LN said

she did contact T Mc after last meeting but got a stock answer. SM will circulate to parents on our behalf that we are still actively pursuing a breakfast club.

P7 Hoodies

School happy to manage this. Last year parents organised but difficulties with contacting some parents and the challenge of data protection. School will arrange order after Christmas break and children will be allowed to wear their hoodies after easter.

AOB

School Report Feedback

FK was not happy, was negative and didn't highlight any positives. LM, very disappointed with P1, very impersonal.

Report roll out is part of a wider feedback from previous year, and it won't change as it's the authority who changed it. It's changed as parents will be told if their child is on track or not but last year got a bit lost so go the last bit before the first bit so it will make more sense as years progress.

LM asking when feedback expected.

SC – November and March for parent nights, they will be phone calls if face to face not permitted, and final report in June.

MH has used the platform for a few years and so knew what to expect but still found it impersonal so maybe SC could report to the wider parent body how the annual reporting works.

PS, are any updates for P1 parents being planned. SC, yes Mrs Watson has workshops planned for P1 parents.

PS, could there be some photos on twitter for parents, SC, not all photo permissions are in but they will add photos soon.

HP, suggests a termly newsletter from teachers to update parents on class topics, plans etc? SC said he would discuss with teachers.

Parking

a lengthy conversation about the frustrations of parking but apart from raising awareness in the newsletter there is nothing new the school can actively do. Consensus to taking parking off the PC agenda as all avenues/actions explored with this. Could be revisited if any new issues arise.

SM, meeting finished, thanks for SC and all the staff for welcoming the children back and keeping them safe.

Next meeting 5th October, most likely on Zoom