

WOODHEAD PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 7th December 2021

Conducted virtually using Zoom

Parent Council meeting

PRESENT: Scott Jasnosz-Clark (SC), Claire Fox (CF), Sheila Moore (SM), Freya Kennedy (FK), Alison Yim (AY), Karen Mulholland (KM), Rachel Miller (RM), Helen Paterson (HP), Stephen Lennox(SL), Lisa Gardner (LG) Councillor Lynne Nailon (LN), Pamela Shearer(PS), Laura McIntyre (LM), Adele Pirie (AP) Stephen Lennox (SL)

APOLOGIES. Matt Hooper, Councillor John Ross, Scott Lindsay, Fiona McDonald, Collette Watson.

Welcome SM

welcome to Adele Pirie, representing the nursery staff

Matters Arising

termly newsletter and breakfast club will be covered in HT report.

Previous minutes approved KM, 2nd by SL

Correspondence – no correspondence.

SM, fortnight ago SM was invited to Parents as Partners run by SLC, led by Des Dickson and Tony McDaid.

(covid update was before the new variant). Update showed number of children isolating is quite low, extra mitigations are keeping schools open and children in education.

School events and their safety – keen to say the events are happening for the children, it's the adults that are missing out but ultimately its all for the benefit of children.

Next steps – remain vigilant, LFTs for staff and teachers.

Events remain for children and residential can be booked with refunds for covid.

Tony McDaid spoke about priorities for education overview 2021/22

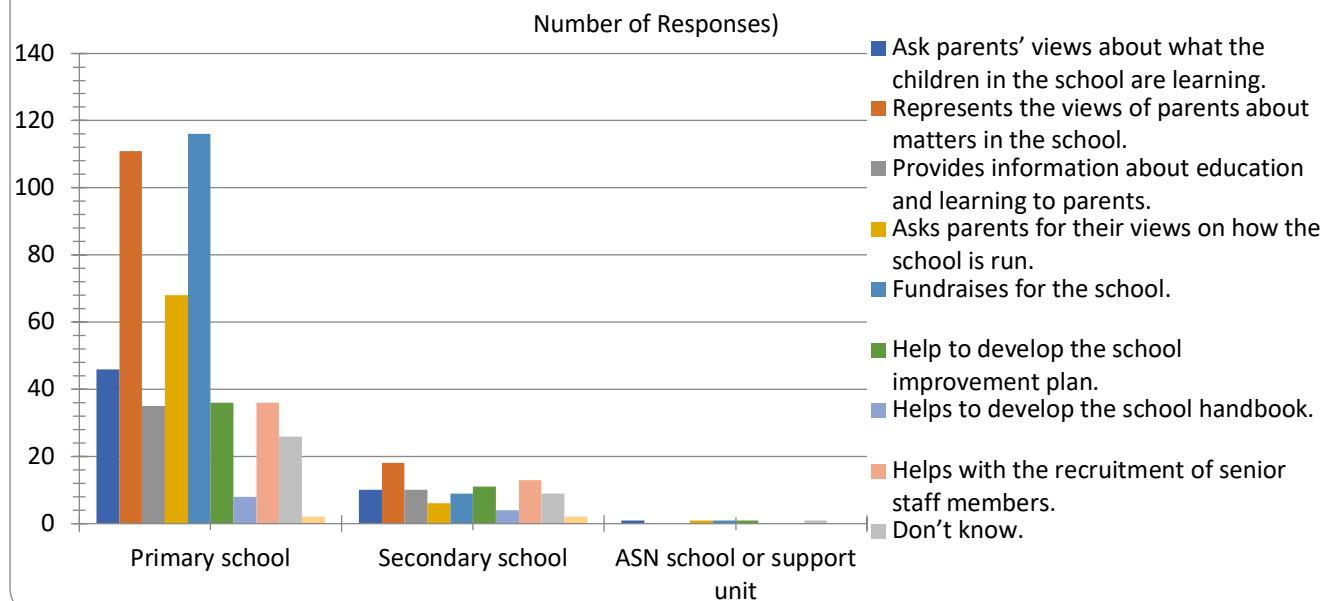
Education Overview 2021/22

Scottish Government commitments:

- Additional teaching and support staff
- Removal of core curriculum charges
- Removal of charges for instrumental music tuition
- Free school meals in primary school for all children
- Free breakfast clubs
- Digital devices for all children and young people
- Reduction in contact time for teachers
- Review of Scottish Attainment Challenge
- Continuation of young person's guarantee

Slide about the purposes of the Parent Council, SM suggests PC look at the questions in greater detail in February and see if more the PC could be doing.

Which of the following does the Parent Council do?



Headteacher Report

Staff Update

SLC released part time teaching post following retiral of a few teachers, interviews next week.

There are a number of staff absences in last few weeks, SC grateful that parents understanding.

New SSA Jazmin Steven starts on Friday, she will be taking on breakfast club in the new year. SSAs Mrs Neilan and Mrs Buchanan are also going to be leaving. A FT SSA vacancy being advertised for Woodhead.

New EYW started last month and there will be a vacancy for an EYW in the new term. Janitor vacancy being interviewed tomorrow.

Covid Update

Since Oct there have been a small number of cases across most classes but management has meant no large spread within the school. Advice is that a class letter goes out asking for LFTs, one letter a week despite number of cases. Any unusual activity would be reported to HQ and track and trace ask about school so it is monitored.

SC feels confident that Covid mitigations are working and helping to stop spread. No guidance on Omicron as Scot govt have not given anything out yet. If school is closed or a class isolated it's the choice of the NHS and school would instantly switch to remote learning.

After school clubs hope to resume in January, new variant permitting.

P7 residential outing is now booked May/June22, parents voted for a 3 day trip as that cost as increased quite a lot. School will make sure that every child will be able to go and PC can tell the school if they think a parent might need help with the cost.

Breakfast club update, hopefully resume in Jan22, waiting in PVGs to come back, volunteer numbers are low so SC going to ask again for volunteers.

New SSA member advertisement includes breakfast club which will be an ideal situation.

Car Parking

Community police officers following up outstanding complaints with parking. Hotspots on Skylands, blocking access, and Balmore Drive. Police looking to engage active journeys and spot checks in these areas.

LG, on subject of parking, some parents are arriving before janitor and sitting in the car park early, SC will check on this.

PS also asking SC to keep an eye on the disabled parking spaces.

LG also raises speed in car park and parking across two bays.

SC will create a newsletter/email to deal with parking.

Sharing learning with parents.

Look at the plan for next year to allow for more meaningful sharing eg class newsletters, twitter, parent workshops online all likely to feature in next years improvement plan.

Pilot of school cloud video system, maybe 10 out of 200 calls didn't work, all followed up with phone calls. Teachers volunteered who knew the system or confident with system so it was just a selection of classes for the trial.

SC accepts the narrative of the year will need to build through the year so that the end of year report will be more relevant and make more sense. Potentially providing an interim check in on how your child is doing, a tracking report, which allows extra work at home if needed etc.

Nursery Care Inspectorate Report

Report is now available on the care inspectorate website. Gradings are 4s and 5 for management. SC felt the positives were so high he felt the scores were low but then it was released that grading numbers were now showing that 4s were the aimed for level and 5s excellent...and 6 is sector leading, SC delighted given that context.

SLC identified Woodhead for best practice meetings and SLC have sent a few nurseries for a visit to see the environment or quality of the paperwork.

SC, team is delighted

Any Other Business

LN gave a Council update.

Congratulations Scott, excellent nursery report.

The whole authority waiting with baited breath to see how the new variant will affect us.

School trip, good that refund insurance is now in place.

Annual savings package being discussed across all parties and if anyone has any questions feel free to get in contact with her.

SC, why have the bushes been removed from local underpasses, SC feels it opens it up and potential for children to cross roads in an unsafe manner, LN will investigate and report back to SC.

SM asking LN to investigate who owns the land at Torhead that has not been developed,

would there be potential for a path to allow walking to school to easier for the houses in Torhead.

Thank you to SC, and could he pass on the thanks of the PC to all the teachers and staff in the school and nursery.

Next Meeting 1st February 2022