

## WOODHEAD PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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), Lisa Gardner (LG) Councillor Lynne Nailon (LN), Pamela Shearer(PS), Laura McIntyre (LM), Adele Pirie (AP) Scott Lindsay (SL)

APOLOGIES. Matt Hooper, Fiona McDonald, Stephen Lennox, Cllr Lynne Nailon

Welcome from the Chair, Sheila Moore.

#### Previous Minutes

Cllr Nailon can't make meeting but emailed, she was told the bushes around the underpass were part of routine maintenance to answer a concern from SC. With regards to the land at Torhead she was unable to find out who owns the land.

Cllr Ross will also look at the land issue again as he remembers previous conversations about creating a path to allow a safe route to school.

minutes approved by AY and seconded PS

Cllr Ross is having to leave early as he has an additional meeting.

Council update, approaching yearly budget, last week Scottish govt gave SLC roughly 7million. This year started with 54m shortfall, budgeted it down to about 9m, this should hopefully mean only 3% council tax increase. Cllr Ross says budget looking positive and will update and is open to questions.

SL asking about soft plays and extension to MUGA pitch uses.

SC says that Woodhead MUGA is open for let but has never been booked. It is not one of the MUGA left open for community use due to close proximity to residents and historic vandalism.

### **HT Report**

Staff update – new janitor, Miss Zoe Turnbull

new FT teacher Mr Bobby Cahill who starts 14Feb and Mrs Gillian Mitchell moves from part time to full time.

New FT SSA Mrs Lynsey Moir started two weeks ago and another FT SSA interviewed last week and will start soon.

Covid19, still got staff absence due to isolation but management covering to minimise disruption.

Breakfast club resumes 21Feb with staff, no need for parent volunteers, no restrictions on numbers.

P7 hoodies being ordered 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

Lockerbie Manor deposits being collected by 25Feb, full balance in April.

After school clubs resume WB 21Feb and info will be issued by Mrs Watson who is coordinating with Active Schools.

School has been given funding for recovery for any children not on track, looking at after school catch up clubs.

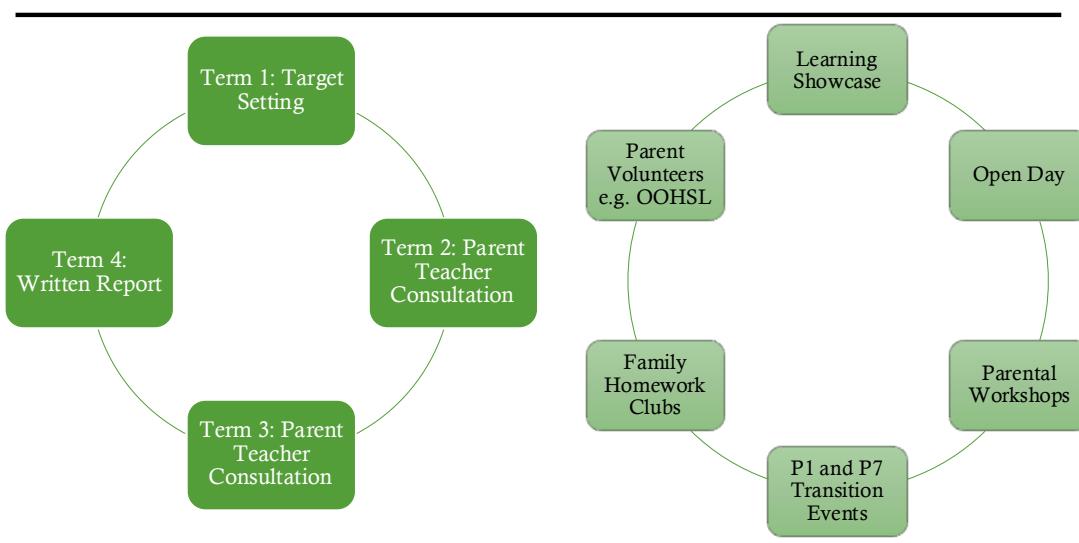
### Sharing Learning with Parents

Following the last meeting, SM raised the issues of what do parents think the PC do? Do the Woodhead parents know what the PC do, its more than fundraising which is the sub group of the PC with the PTA.

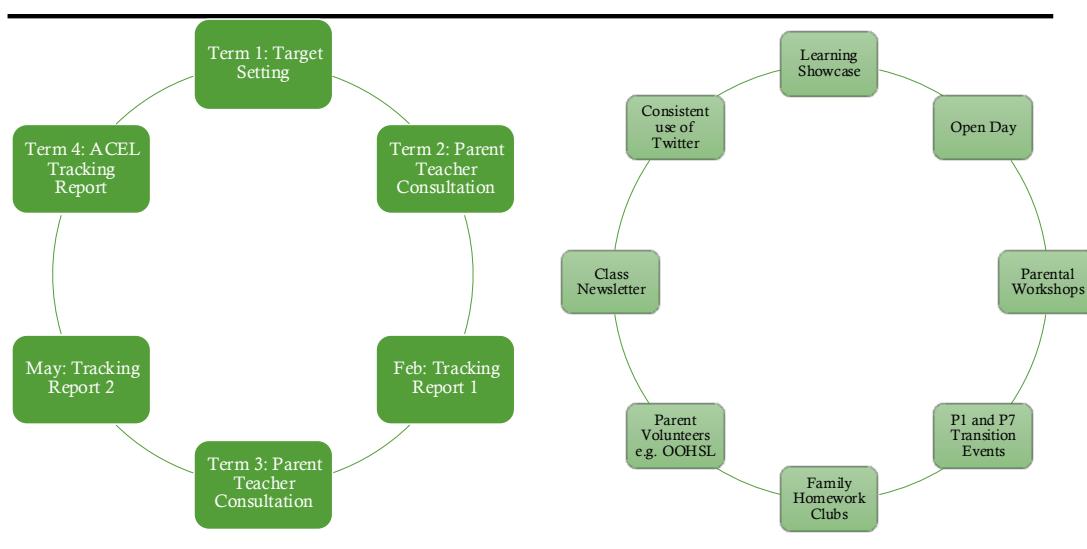
SM proposing that raise awareness of the PC by assisting the school to plan sharing learning with parents.

Create a questionnaire to support the school improvement plan.

SC shares chart on how the school used to share learning before Covid, especially for parents of P1 and P2 who don't know.



The second chart shows what SC thinks it should look like in the future.



Target setting will only be done face to face as doesn't work otherwise.  
parent consultation will be video if can't be face to face.

Feb and May tracking reports are new to record curriculum for excellence data, hopefully gives parents an indicator before the June report. The language of on track is now the language use to parents so no child not on track will be a surprise to parents.

Twitter use, SC can encourage staff to use it more and can potentially be included into the planning for future school improvement plans so that time for staff to tweet photos is included.

SC says newsletter cannot ask for excessive time for staff that is unrealistic.  
Keep the questionnaire simple so it's not wide, PS suggests sliding scale so not yes/no answers. SC has reached out to other local schools to see what they do and has some practical ideas for sharing the variations of learning. In terms of how do you approach different learning for a child outwith the class, a general one for corp group and a separate version for significant variation in learning.

SM, this is an add on to the "after Covid" plan rather than the current situation.

PS, P1 parents asking for feedback on how things are taught, SC says that this is workshops and we will go back to workshops, potential for digital, SC reminding that management will always speak to parents individually. PS says that knowing topics allows for forward planning at home, SC says that teachers must be allowed to respond to the class and learning.

KM, tonight's meeting is reassuring to see what normally happens in school as been in school two years and doesn't know any different. Agrees that a newsletter will really help for learning at home.

SC says Covid has affected the relationship with parents because they are not able to come into the school and his aim as a HT had been to make parents feel welcome in the school.

SM fully appreciate everything that's been done and don't want anyone to feel like asking to much, its just about being included in the learning.

SL, will this be in the nursery, SC, no as they have learning journals and nursery curriculum is responsive to the child's needs. Nursery staff have time built into their day for updating learning journals.

PS, Twitter, feedback is that people are upset teachers aren't using it, especially if one class gets Twitter pictures and another class doesn't. SC will look at next year to see if can be added to teachers time, not this year. He will continue to encourage teachers to use it more.

SM, anyone got any firm views to see in the Newsletter

- planned topics, whole class
- what's on eg swimming, music
- numeracy and literacy, detail ie money to £10
- writing focus
- people working in the class
- PE days and focus
- other significant aspects of learning eg health
- websites/apps that might help
- class routines ie worry monster

SM should blurb say what we used to do, SC says yes he'll add a blurb about plans

SL could the newsletter include a gallery of photos, SC, it needs to be manageable and not extra work that might peter out and add extra time for teachers.

KM, could volunteers take photos, SC, no as child protection issues.

SM, is SC happy to do this or would he like the help of the PC. SC says he will do it and share with SM and KM, closing date before next meeting, can everyone share to get a good turnaround.

SM requested a screenshot of the meeting and post on Twitter, all agreed.

PS quick feedback, parking since last meeting has been improved, especially disabled parking bays.

Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March