



4th October 2021

**Parent Council Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Lynda Kadegis, Kirsty Neil, Angela Thorpe, Emma-Jane McFarlane, Tracy Boyle, Nikki Paton, Louise Walker

Staff Present: Dawn Simpson, Gina Harrington

Apologies: Charlene Carr, Carrie Ann Beaton, Tracy Manners, Cheryl Burnett, Caroline Barrett

1. Welcome by the chair

Lynda welcomed everyone and thanked them all for joining the first meeting of 2021/2022. Additionally welcoming Louise to her first parent council meeting. Lynda then went around the screen and asked each member to say a little about themselves.

2. Head Teacher's report

Covid update -

-There have been some relaxations to restrictions. Staggered start times, break/ lunch times and finish times are still in place but children are able to choose who to sit with at lunch time and start and stop times have been reduced to just two, 8:50am-2:50pm and 9am-3pm.

Isolation and test and trace procedures have now changed and it is now Test and Trace that will contact you if need be. New isolation rules mean that if a child has been identified as a close contact but they get a negative PCR result, they can return to school.

In line with current guidelines, visitors are still not allowed in the school building and are asked to continue to wear a face covering, unless exempt, and social distance while within the school grounds.

Staffing update -

- This will be Miss Simpson's first full year as Head Teacher and Miss Harrington's first full year as Principal Teacher.
- Miss King has now filled the position of P5/6 teacher.
- Mrs Hall is a Newly Qualified Teacher and is working within P6 with Mrs Henderson and is being supported by Miss Harrington.
- Mrs Main has returned from her secondment.

- Miss Smith has joined as a member of Support Staff.
- There are 8 classes within the primary school plus the nursery class.

Other Business -

- Staff have received emotion works training
- Miss Harrington has been on ICT and ASN Coordinator training.
- Mrs Graham has attended training with the Science Centre to provide science lessons with the pupils.
- Fiona Bartholomew of Barnardo's and Lucy Corbishley of Place 2 Be are still working within the school. Parents/carers can refer themselves or the school can refer for them.
- Participatory Budgeting voting has closed and, with 60% of the votes, a quiet place with a sensory area in the library has won.
- The Junior Librarian programme is hoped to be up and running soon therefore allowing book lending to also be possible soon.
- School Captains have now been elected. These were voted for by P6 and P7.
- The school chaplaincy team are continuing to work with the school during virtual assemblies. They will also be doing workshops with the children throughout the school soon.
- Homework has started and will be issued through Google Classroom and will sometimes have handouts along with it. It is very much appreciated that parents make sure that homework is completed to aid with in-school learning.
- All parents/carers are urged to join the school on Twitter as that is where things going on in school can be shared.
- P4/5 and P5/6 are enjoying the Youth Music Initiative.
- Virtual assemblies are held each Friday.
- P1 photographs have been taken by the Glasgow Evening Standard.
- The school has had their first Fun Friday of the 21/22 session.
- Each pupil has taken part in the first committee meeting of the 21/22 session.

3. Treasurers report

Balance - £1181.09.

Money out - £104 for P1 ties.

Current balance - £1077.09

Angela and Charlene will arrange treasurer's training and a day to go to the bank to do a name changeover.

4. Communication

Parent meet & greet will be arranged.

We will arrange a flyer/leaflet to go in the school newsletter.

5. AOB

Fundraising -

- Current advice means that we are still unable to be in the school to hold events.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington have agreed that, to help us fundraise, they would be able to help fundraise within the school. If we arrange a Halloween hamper, they will put out communication regarding it and will be able to collect and quarantine money. We will hopefully be able to arrange a Santa Dash or something similar that, if restrictions don't change, Miss Harrington could host with the children on their daily mile.
- Miss Simpson has a yearly planned for hoped for events. This will be sent out soon.
- Given the current climate, we don't want to ask for too much so events will be priced low and not too close together in the hope that all feel they are able to take part.

Lynda ended the meeting by thanking all who attended.

Next meeting will be on the 1st of November 2021 at 7pm on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING CLOSED