

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES 4 Feb 2015

Present - John Lewis (Chair), Helen Brown (Headteacher) HB, Alison Mussett AM, Catherine MacQuarrie CMq (Depute Head), Alan Bonnyman (AB), Daria Jarrett (DJ), Garry Byrne, Steve Gallagher, Hanah Mcfadyen

Apologies - Linda McCormick, Fiona Ansell, Lorne Bourhill

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approve
2. Matters arising were dealt with as part of the business of the meeting
3. Head teachers report

a) Catchment consultation

The P1 cap had been confirmed as a maximum of 60 however the report was to be reviewed again. HB also reported that a large number of catchment and placing request P1 pupils had already registered.

ACTION - HB will update at the next meeting.

b) Liquid soap in the toilets

HB reported that she had contacted Maureen McKenna asking for some kind of resolution.

c) Andy Duff and the refurbishment

The front steps and P1 steps will be resurfaced next week. The planned playground equipment purchase will have to go through procurement.

ACTION – GB and LM to continue to look at playground equipment

d) Pupils petition – Partick Tennis Club

Cllr Curran will be coming out to speak to the Pupil Council. Glasgow City Council have made it clear that the rules cannot be changed for primary school children and that the petition cannot be resubmitted.

e) Gym

The gym is safe to use, and the heater will be fixed during the Feb break holiday next week.

f) Gate into the Cricket Pitch

HB had been given the name of a possible funding source for the new access gate on Fortrose St opposite the school.

4. Treasurers Report

LM was unable to attend the meeting but had already circulated a document about the playground. She will be meeting with GB in the next week and they will report back to next meeting

£62.80 had been received from Rag Bag. Easyfundraising had raised £323

The website hosting had been changed and now is much cheaper. Ali Walker is still looking after the maintenance of the website.

5. Fundraising

AM reported on the fundraising meeting ideas.

a) Quiz Night - 8 May

ACTION – AM to ask Pat Lawlor to book the Bowling Club

b) Ceilidh - 29 May

ACTION – AM to ask Grant McDonald to book the band and the venue

c) Easter Fayre

DJ suggested having some kind of Easter Fayre event. It was decided to put the idea to the school with a view of their getting involved with the possibility of a small group of parents doing some kind of fundraiser such as an egg hunt. The school seemed keen on this and are going to take the idea to the Pupil Council to see what ideas they come up with and bring back to next meeting. GB/HB suggested that local businesses might be invited along to take part in the Spring Fayre.

ACTION – bring back to next meeting

d) Film Screenings

AB suggested running a film event once a term. It would be held in the Dining Hall, and a small fee would be charged. We could also make money from the sale of popcorn etc. The Dining Hall holds about 100 children. HB said she can source free films for public viewing (4 in 2 film?) and she's passing the details onto AB who has said he can organise a better sound system than was used at xmas. A provisional date was set for Wed 1 April 6 - 8pm.

ACTION – HB to pass on details to AB to organise

e) School Calendar

ACTION - AB to pass on the details to HB

f) Scholastic

It was agreed that as scholastic made little money, and was a lot of hassle it would be dropped.

ACTION – AM to write to scholastic

6. Book Fair

ACTION - JL suggested that he could ask Hyndland Book Shop if they would like to run the annual book fair linked to World Book Day (beginning of March) next year.

7. International Day

Will be in May

8. P7 Leaving Committee

ACTION - As GU not at the meeting carry over

9. Lost Property – carry over

10. Wet Play

DJ said that a number of P1 parents had been asking about wet play. HB assured her that wherever possible the children were encouraged to go outside. During the recent inclement weather, the school had split the playtimes to enable all classes to make use of the limited play areas.

11. Golden Time

DJ said that a number of P1 parents had requested that films were not included in the Golden Time activities. GB reported that a recent departmental meeting had decided to do a range of activities between the P1 & P2 classes. It was suggested that House Points could be used as an incentive for pupils to take part in a range of Golden Time activities.

12. Traffic

GB reported that the Pupil Council had written letters to send to the Council. ACTION - GB said he'd collate a list of local councilors to contact to send the letters and the survey results to.

ACTION – JL said he'd circulate the traffic survey to Parent Council before it goes in the newsletter.

13. School visit

HB reported that members of the parent council had been invited to visit Alexander Parade and Mount Florida schools that had already been refurbished as part of the 4Rs

ACTION – JL to get a contact and try and sort out a date

14. Spring Clean

Sort out a date at the next meeting

15. Photographer

ACTION – HB to invite Tempest and Colour Foto to come to April or May meeting

16. Bands on Tour

Viv Albertine (VA) said she was disappointed by the Bands on Tour topic that the P6s were studying. The headteacher defended the teaching saying that it was a Curriculum for Excellence tool for learning rather than an actual project about being in a band. And going on tour.

She did thank VA however for her insightful presentation for the P6s about her time with The Slits and said that it was something none of them were ever likely to forget.

17. Playground improvements

Hilary Mantel (HM) said that she'd met a nice man called Mike Ashley recently who had something to do with football and might be able to help with the pitch.

18. Book event

Irvine Welsh (IW) said he'd be happy to organize a book event with authors readings. The Head teacher expressed her reservations however as there had been complaints from parents following E L James' event last year.

AOB

Meryl Steep said if anyone wanted to join her she'd be in the Three Judges nursing a port and lemon.