

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

22 April 2015

Present - John Lewis (Chair), Helen Brown (Headteacher) HB, Alison Mussett (AM), Catherine MacQuarrie (CMq) (Depute Head), Alan Bonnyman (AB), Daria Jarrett (DJ), Steve Gallagher (SG), Louise Love (LL), Gillian Ulanovsky (GU), Lorne Bourhill (LB)

Apologies - Garry Byrne, Pat Lawlor, Hannah Mcfadyen (HM), Linda McCormick, Fiona Ansell

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved

2. Matters arising

a) Parents disclosure

ACTION – HB to add to newsletter asking if any parents have disclosure

b) School calendar

ACTION – AB carry forward

c) Photographer

ACTION – HB has been in touch with a few, carry forward to next meeting

d) Training for interview panel

ACTION – JL to send round information to Parent Council members again to see if anyone is interested in doing the training

e) Ceilidh and Quiz

Leaflets are in folders

ACTION – AM to send out email about Ceilidh next week

f) Additional names for Parent Council email list

ACTION – HB to add to next newsletter

g) Lost Property sale

Only a small amount of money was raised, but it was a good idea.

ACTION – do the sale again at sports day.

ACTION – HB to include in next newsletter

h) Skipping ropes

ACTION – DJ to send info to LM and GB

i) Xmas show DVD

ACTION – carry over to next meeting

3. Headteachers Report

a) 4R – new playground surface laid, advance measuring done

ACTION – invite Andy Duff & Anne Mullan to next meeting

b) Catchment

Some placing requests may have to be denied for children with siblings in the school as GCC have said that Hillhead catchment children have got priority.

c) Clerical hours

HB reported that clerical staff work was being partially centralized by GCC, which would mean that the school would lose a member of staff. The Parent Council raised concerns about how this would affect contacting the school to report absences, etc., as well as what impact this might have on the school staff in terms of increasing clerical/admin workload.

d) Cricket Club

The grant was received for the gate, but now the cricket club are saying they'd like to charge the school £30 per session. So there might be no need for the gate as these charges would make regular use of the grounds too expensive.

ACTION – further discussion needed with the cricket club to see if an accommodation can be made. HB

e) Traffic Survey

Pupils had had a reply from GCC. HB urged anyone seeing any traffic violations to take car number plates and report anything to Partick Police Station.

f) Catherine McQuarrie

Catherine McQuarrie is retiring this summer. The meeting thanked CMcQ for all her work for the school and said that she would be greatly missed.

Consequently there will be interviews early June for 2 deputes and 1 PT.

g) P7 yearbook

HM will be undertaking the compilation of the P7 yearbook

4. Outdoor Classroom

New cost of £7343 was agreed by the meeting.

5. P7 swimming

HB explained that the arrangements for the P7 swimming were in the hands of the teachers.

6. Pupil Council

AM raised the issue of more children getting the chance to take part in Pupil's and Eco Councils. HB said that the school were looking at ways of improving this such as rotating the Pupil Council representatives over the year.

7. Eco Committee

Claire Campbell might take on the running of this committee.

8. P7 trip 2016

A letter will be sent out after current P7s get back from their trips

9. Traffic Surveys

JL reported the findings of the questionnaire – 139 responses, with a response rate of 41% of the total families at the school. Next step would be to survey local residents

ACTION – JL to finish collating data and send round. Talk to GB about the next stage. JL to compile a local resident survey

10. Head lice

ACTION – HB to put in next newsletter

11. P7 leaver's dictionaries

Dictionaries can be purchased from Hyndland Bookshop. There was a question about where the dictionaries had been bought from last year. One of last year's P7 parents had written the names in each book.

ACTION – LM to be asked where the dictionaries were bought from last year

12. School Trips – money from home

It was agreed that guidance should be given about additional money brought by children on school trips.

ACTION – HB to action

13. Sports Centre visits – Mums on the Run money

Rugby 7s are on at Scotstoun so that's not available but Emirates is. Using free City Connection buses, the sessions cost £204 each. 6 classes will go, P5-7. With younger classes given the opportunity to go next term.

ACTION – HB to make sure that the P1-4 parents are informed that their children will go next term

14. Spring Clean

17 May – 10am – 2pm.

ACTION – HR to email out to Parent Council committee the costings for the garden and spring clean for approval

ACTION – DJ said that Dobbies run workshops with schools. DJ to send link to HR and HB.