

## HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (ONLINE)

MINUTES FOR 28 April 2021

Present: Alan Bonnyman (Chair), Chris Bryce (Treasurer), Dorian Grieve (Secretary & P4 rep), Steven Gallacher, Helen Brown (Head Teacher), Julie Wynn (Deputy Head), Fiona Batista (PT), Victoria Moir (PT), Stephen Frame (Deputy Head), Kate Kitson (PT), Jaime Guenther (P2 rep), Susan Kesson (joint P1 rep)

Apologies: Katie Brady Patterson (joint P5 & P7 rep), Clare Keatley (joint P5 & P7 rep), Anne-Marie Rigby, Fiona Andsell, Kirsty Chambers, Lindsey Pope (joint P1 rep)

### **1. Welcome & apologies**

### **2. Approval of minutes**

The previous minutes were approved.

### **3. Senior Leadership Team report**

(HB) Parent's night will not be able to go ahead. In place of this, all parents will get a phone call from the class teacher in May and an end of term report in June.

It is hoped sports day will go ahead. Parents won't be able to attend but highlights will be streamed on See Saw.

Looking to make sure that the whole school enjoys summer fun to brighten up the final term with outdoor activities such as orienteering and picnics.

A family liaison officer, Angela Boyle, has been appointed to work with the school one day a week for a year.

There are plans to get back in touch with Maureen McKenna re the possibility of turning Janny Joe's house into a hub for parents.

There has been a spate of vandalism in the outdoor learning area and increasing misuse of the cricket ground opposite the school. The school is working with the local police to monitor the situation.

Staff are refreshing pupils knowledge of road safety

The school now has the keys for cricket ground gate.

HB thanked everyone who has donated or taken part in fundraising on behalf of a member of staff who is dealing with cancer.

(SF) Cello and violin lessons are starting again and will be every two weeks till the end of term.

New school menus are now live.

There is a specialist, Andrea Robertson, coming in on Tuesdays to do developmental workshops on PE and the curriculum with the P1 staff.

P1 transition. All 62 P1 places are full with 45 catchment and 17 placement requests, though appeals have yet to be processed. There are 25 nurseries feeding the school this year. In place of usual visits the school will have a comprehensive online offering including a virtual tour and a presentation aimed at the pupils. As with last year, it is hoped to have small group visits in June.

A questionnaire has been launched to canvass parents' and carers' thoughts on the P1 to P2 transition.

Someone wondered how twins were dealt with when deciding P2 classes. SF said this was a personal choice and that this would always be decided in consultation with the parents.

CB asked if the placing request numbers were lower. SF said that both the catchment and placement request numbers were very high this year.

(JW) KC asked JW to pass on the fact that there were over 100 entries for the Royal Academy show with a lot of outstanding work.

KC has also asked JW to note that the SHRE (Sexual Health and Relationships Education) programme is now being rolled out with last year's missed material being included. Information on the programme is available on the website.

Doonans has unfortunately had to be cancelled. They have offered a chance to use their facilities for the day and range of other activities are being arranged.

P7 transition program is going ahead but condensed into the final few weeks of school. Pupils who are doing enhanced transition will be able to go up to the school, though probably out of normal school hours.

The P7 end of term celebration took place online last year and the school is looking to provide a celebration again this year.

Three student teachers (two P7 and one P5) have been in the school. One of them was formerly a tutor at Doonans and has offered to help with the P7 outdoor week.

(VM) The school has applied for and received £1000 from Glasgow Care Foundation which they are hoping to use to purchase wired keyboards for use with ipads for those who find that easier and also 2 ipads to help support any groups that need to go into self-isolation.

(FB) As last year, the school has been given sunflower seeds by the council, two children from every class will be planting these.

Along with VM, FB has been looking at getting P6s and P7s to think about the future, their strengths and what they'd like to develop further.

P7 school show is going to be recorded and edited by VM and P7s and released in mid-June.

In connection with COP26, two videos were made with P7s, thinking about what they had done for towards sustainability and what they could do in the future.

#### **4. Financial report**

£2661.92 in the account, no outgoings apart c.£14 for domain name registration.

#### **5. Fundraising**

CB offered thanks to VM for creating the form allowing the recipes to be collected and all her other help in this regard and updated the council of the progress of the recipe book. Various items around the book's publication were discussed, including pre-ordering, promotion, promoting again towards Christmas, and making the title available on Amazon. Peter Henderson has offered to help splash the book in the Glasgow Times.

In light of the effort towards producing the book, the treasure hunt fundraising idea was shelved until this coming September.

#### **8. Playground update / summer plans**

Regarding the possibility of constructing a shelter at the steps to the glass door, Martin Thomson has reported that, as well as being expensive, he believes there would be little hope of the plan being approved because of its being the main disabled access to the school.

AMR passes on that she is still in the process of getting a quote for the renovation of the stadium seating area and hopes to have that for next meeting.

AB asked if the order for the final shelter has gone in and if there was any news on the timescale for it going up. **JW said she would check on this.**

AB highlighted the need for a plan for looking after the gardens over the summer holidays. FB said that the P7s have been putting in some work but also wondered if Afty could be involved as they are in over the holidays. AB wondered if a Facebook or WhatsApp group might be a useful thing.

It was decided that a checklist of tasks should be produced so everyone has a better idea what needs to be done and that Afty should be approached to see if they would be happy to be involved.

There was a discussion of the vandalism in the outdoor classroom.

#### **9. AOB**

SK raised the question of passing on school uniform, especially as it may be less worn this year. HB said that the school has facilitated this in the past and that they had been discussing the possibility of collecting uniforms in and allowing a few days quarantine before making available in playgrounds some time in June.