

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (ONLINE)

MINUTES FOR 9 June 2021

Present: Alan Bonnyman (Chair), 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), Lindsey Pope (joint P1 rep), Katie Brady Patterson (joint P5 & P7 rep), Anne-Marie Rigby, Kirsty Chambers (PT)

Apologies: Fiona Andsell (Afty), Chris Bryce (Treasurer)

1. Welcome & apologies

2. Approval of minutes

The previous minutes were approved.

3. Senior Leadership Team report

(HB) Sports day was a great success. All children will be having a summer staycation day. Vicky Ritchie will be retiring at the end of the year. Tricia McCormack is going down to 0.6 and will be job sharing with KK.

(JW) The activity week was a great success. Doonans was cancelled due to tier restrictions but is now going to happen on Friday, 18 June.

(VM) The virtual show has been filmed and will be available for families to view on an unlisted Youtube account. The leaver's celebration will be on 22 June with usual awards and presentations and there will also be a silent disco on 21 June.

Previously it had been planned to purchase 2 ipads using the funding grant from Glasgow Care Foundation. Since then the school has received 27 digital inclusion ipads from the Scottish Government. These will be used to create a class set for the new P6s, helping familiarise them with the devices. P7 ipads will be returned on 23 June and they will be receiving their new ones at the Secondary school.

(FB) The P7 Year Book is finished and will be out on 22 June. P7 will be having takeaway meals in the playground on 23rd. There will also be a shirt signing.

The school was successful in its application for a grant from Learning Through Landscapes which has been used to purchase 10 log seats, den building equipment and training for staff in August.

(SF) The new intake of P1s stands at 57 at the moment. The new P1s are meeting their teachers and visiting the school this week. The teachers will be Mrs Kitson and Mrs McCormack for P1 Blue, Miss Edminston for P1 Green and Miss Grant for P1 Red. For the transition from the three P1 classes to two P2 classes the school has been trialling groupings based on pupil preferences and these have gone well. The school hopes to confirm these classes early next week.

(KK) KK has been in touch with Barry the community police officer regarding graffiti and antisocial behaviour in the outdoor classroom and they will be keeping an eye on this area. Barry also came to the school and spoke to P7s on drug misuse. Regarding diversity, she has been looking at an overhaul of the RE curriculum and how it reflects our school and wider society, for example by including humanism in the curriculum.

(KC) Angela Boyle has started working as the school's family support worker which is really helping reach out to families. She has been helping families access support, with grant applications and in a more general role. She has also managed to get some nice food bags which have had good uptake. Food bags can be uplifted every Tuesday and anyone who feels they would benefit from being put in touch with Angela can contact KC.

Re the Art competition, there were 33,000 entries out of which 200 were selected to go into the exhibition at the London gallery. 4 of those selected for the exhibition were Hyndland pupils. KC will be putting all the Hyndland entrants together for the school's own online exhibition.

4. Financial report

The PC has received £400 annual stipend from the Glasgow City Council along with sponsorship money towards recipe book costs. The account balance is at £3630.76 with the cost of printing 300 recipe books (£1400) to come from that.

5. Fundraising

The recipe book is looking great and the order form will go live tomorrow. DG thanked VM and all the staff for their help in producing it.

6. ASN review update

AMR has had a meeting with JW and SF and have been discussing an information gathering exercise. AMR has put together a questionnaire but JW has also suggested focus groups might be a valuable source of information. JW felt that, given that ASN (Additional Support Needs) is such a large area, it was important to have a broad range of views from a wide range of parents of children with different needs. AMR had noted she felt that there was not enough information currently in the handbook and JW and SF agreed that the handbook was something it was important to work on and have been considering putting together a FAQ page using the input coming from parents so that incoming parents can benefit from a range of perspectives. HB suggested it might be possible to produce some information leaflets and AMR said it would be useful if parents were able to share tips and tricks, helpful books and other resources. AMR noted that one of the reasons she felt a questionnaire might be useful is in highlighting and addressing parents' needs. AMR asked if JW would be happy to put people together. It was suggested that a letter explaining the consultation and what it is hoped to be achieved be put together. **JW to draft a letter in consultation with AMR.**

7. COVID policy – transitions, communications and water

Re transitions, AB asked if there were any questions not already covered. There were none.

Re communications, SK noted that P1 parents have been enjoying knowing what their children are engaged in and asked if it would be possible to continue to something similar in P2, perhaps monthly updates through Seesaw. HB said she thought this was a good idea and would discuss it with staff.

Re water refills, AB noted that some parents are concerned about the lack of opportunity to fill water bottles through the school day. HB said that coolers have been switched off since the start of the pandemic and that this will continue. While during the hotter weather parents have been asked to supply two bottles of water, HB made clear that no child will ever be going without water in the school. AB noted that the GCC are supposed to be providing bottled water. AMR said she knew of schoolchildren in East Renfrewshire and Argyll & Bute who were being allowed to use coolers and that she had emailed Maureen McKenna on why this should be. The reply said that bottled water was being provided to Glasgow pupils. HB asked if she could be sent a copy of this email. AB asked to be copied in as well.

8. Summer playground help

The annual problem of watering the plants in the playground over summer was discussed, various ideas were mooted and it was agreed to contact Afty to see if they would be happy to be involved.

The shelter for the upper playground is due to go in on 12 July.

9. AOB

SK asked whether class photos were going to be going ahead. The photographers have been in touch about doing it next year but in the meantime staff have photographed the P1s with a view to sharing them.