

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (ONLINE)

MINUTES FOR 20 October 2021

Present: Alan Bonnyman (Chair), Dorian Grieve (Secretary & P5 rep), Helen Brown (Head Teacher), Julie Wynn (Deputy Head), Fiona Batista (PT), Stephen Frame (Deputy Head), Kate Kitson (PT), Jaime Guenther (P3 rep), Susan Kesson (joint P2 rep), Clare Keatley (joint P6 rep), Katie Brady Patterson (joint P6 rep), Roz Laing, Alexis Wright, Natalie Watson, Stevie Gallagher

Apologies: Victoria Moir (PT), Kirsty Chambers (PT), Paddy Morrison (Afty)

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Senior Leadership Team report

(HB) Face to face parents evenings are not being allowed to go ahead and the ruling on that is not due to be reviewed till 22 March 2022. To allow time to get technology in place, Wednesday appointments are being moved to 17 November and Thursday appointments to 25 November. Possible disruption around COP26, possible GMB strike action and other factors was outlined. SK asked if Afty will be supportive if parents are late to pick up, etc. HB said that between Afty and the school they would make sure everyone was OK.

There are a number of retirements and consequent arrangements for celebrations: Lollipop John is retiring after 39 years as a lollipop man, Frances in the dining hall is reducing hours and Janny John's last day before retiring is 15 December.

Flu vaccines will happen on 10 November. Tempest will be taking sibling and family photos on Monday and the class photos will be taken in January. HB asked if the reps could find out whether parents would prefer traditional or modern, Photoshopy class photos this year.

(SF) SF discussed the ongoing problems with the Rising Stars software and his communications with the company. He plans to put out a survey in order to better inform the company of parents' and pupils' experience of the programme.

SF is on a Nurture training course with the aim of delivering targeted input to small groups of P2-4s focussing on social and emotional wellbeing.

It is planned that the Christmas school show go ahead. Hopefully this will be live but if that becomes impossible it will be recorded for parents to see.

After school clubs are gradually restarting. The Music Club is the first of these to start, beginning with P3s next week, P2s in November and P1s in February. SF asked if the PC was still happy to contribute half the cost of this as it has in the past. AB said that he imagined it would be fine but have to discuss it first. Naheed Cruickshank from Music Club is also starting a P5-7 choir from 4 November.

SF will be liaising with Mark O'Mara regarding what other clubs might be available as more space becomes available in the school and parents will be informed of these through groupcall, etc. Art pod classes will also restart when it is possible.

Cathy from catering takes donations for the homeless at this time of year and more information on how and what to donate will follow.

KC has asked SF to mention a GCC wellbeing and learning survey. They are looking for feedback from all stakeholders on the current framework with an aim to informing how it is taken forward. SF will email AB the survey for AB to distribute to the PC.

(JW) Swimming is back on running till 17 December at Drumchapel pool while Scotstoun is being refurbished.

With Mark O'Mara, the Junior Sport Leaders programme is running, training P7s to engage in sports activities with the junior school children at lunchtime sports sessions.

P7 transition letters have gone out. Anyone who is not in the catchment area and needs to make a placing request who has not already done so should get in touch immediately. JW asked for anyone who is able to help with the P7 leavers organisation should also get in touch.

Doonans is booked for 14 March.

House captains system is running again Last year's P6 VCs didn't get much of a run at the VC-ship and will be House Captains this year alongside a newly elected P7 House Captain. P6s will be able to run for VC role. Similarly, last year's Junior Captains will remain in the post joined by newly-elected P3s from this year.

In addition to the Music Club, a P7 choir is being run by a teacher from the Secondary School. JW has asked Angela Boyle, the family liaison officer, to run a P6 transition and team building group to help start the transition process for P6s. The P6s will also be having Bridges over Barriers sessions and playing, as will P7s, basketball in the coming weeks. Super 7s is also up and running for the end of January.

The upper school also hopes to record class songs to go along with the lower school Christmas show.

(FB) Last year's Christmas card fundraising was a success and this is being run again this year.

Sustainability fortnight begins next week. The school has signed up to be a plastic-free school. P7s have weeded the school gardens. FB took 8 P7s to the Cathkin Braes where they planted 65 trees. P7s are also planning to apply for trees from the John Muir Trust for the playground.

(KK) P1 enrolment will be online 1-5 November. SF noted the school is still not able to have face to face tours. Jan and Feb deferrals must still enrol and wait for their application to be approved.

There has been a question regarding Black History Month. FB had put together a programme with staged material covering a broad range of topics including Glasgow's links to trade of enslaved people but also covering sports figures, musicians and cultural themes. PC Barry has been in P7 discussing hate crimes which found the class very engaged.

AW asked if this programme was across the school or just in the upper school. It is across the school, but staged, with P1s for example discussing difference, P2s looking at Martin Luther King, P4s looking at sports and so on.

3. Financial report

There has been no income and no outgoings since the last meeting. The account balance currently stands at £5363.52.

4. Fundraising update

5. Playground

Various quotes have been solicited for replacement Perspex for the bike shelter: Broxap, the original manufacturer, quoted £2288 and Stockline quoted £1668 for high strength anti-vandalism sheets, not including fitting.

KBP has received a quote for £398 for wooden planters from Glasgow Wood Recycling to help protect the bike shelter. It was decided to go ahead with this.

A playground sub-committee should be reconstituted, AB asked for volunteers to convene this.

JW noted that the outdoor classroom has had some parts come off the outdoor classroom and when the do nails are left sticking out dangerously.

6. School lunch consultation

AB reported on the outreach consultation he attended with GCC's Catering and Facilities Management (formerly a section of Cordia). Choice, portion size, nutritional value and appeal of food to the kids were the main issues at Hyndland Primary and these were echoed by the other 20 schools represented at the consultation.

Re choice, the C&FM team said 95% of children will get a choice of three meals and 5% will only have the choice of two. Re portion size, children are supposed to receive as much in the way of vegetables and

fruit as they wish. This is not in fact the case at HPS. The C&FM team said that where the service is falling short it is an operational and not a budget issue. AW asked if vegetables are offered or given to the children at HPS. The veg is given.

AB had made the case for opening the school's on-site kitchen, noting that many of the other representatives were arguing for this for their schools.

The next stage of the CF&M consultation is to speak to head teachers, then pupil councils, then their own staff. 41,000 children will be receiving school meals by next summer.

It was agreed that it would be a good time to provide pupil feedback on the service and HB said she could invite Jean Miller from CF&M to come and have lunch at the school.

AB asked if the 45 minute lunch break was still in place, noting some concern that children were skipping lunch to get outside. The COVID guidelines have not changed and so the split lunches are still in place.

7. P7 leavers plans

This has already been covered by JW earlier in the meeting.

8. Homework clubs

A question had come in on whether homework clubs would be running again. Most of the clubs at the school are run by staff volunteering their time to run them. The homework club was run at lunchtimes but with the current split-lunchtime setup it is tricky to run. However, as clubs are restarting over the next 2 or 3 months, this will be one of the ones the school hope to start sooner rather than later.

9. AOB

AB asked for ideas for gifts to mark the parent body's appreciation for Janny John on his retirement. HB suggested reps could start gathering messages from parents.

The school has ideas for Lollipop John's retirement. HB said she would check if parent pay could be used for parents to send contributions.

A gift for Frances in the dining hall was arranged also.

DG asked to assume the minutes were approved if he did not hear otherwise by the end of the week. This was agreed.

AB checked if everyone was still ok with the length of meetings and no one said otherwise.

AW asked if there was any possibility of a temporary shelter in the P2 playground. AB highlighted the problems which have stopped a shelter going up thus far while signalling the PC's willingness to have one put up if a workable idea comes along.

NEXT MEETING 1 DECEMBER