

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (ONLINE)

MINUTES FOR 26 January 2022

Present: Julie Wynn (Deputy Head), Stephen Frame (Deputy Head), Fiona Batista (PT), Victoria Moir (PT), Alan Bonnyman (Chair), Dorian Grieve (Secretary & P5 rep), Chris Bryce (Treasurer), Katie Brady Patterson (joint P6 rep), Annemarie Rigby (P7 rep), Jaime Guenther (P3 rep), Susan Kesson (joint P2 rep), Roz Laing (P1 rep), Alexis Wright (joint P2 rep), Stevie Gallagher, Arshad Hussein
Apologies: Helen Brown (Head Teacher), Kirsty Chambers (PT), Kate Kitson (PT), Natalie Watson (P4 rep), Paddy Morrison (Afty), Clare Keatley (joint P6 rep), Kate Kitson (PT)

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved. Matters arising: parental support for the Millport trip was strongly positive. HB had been going to check if it was still the case that the Glasgow City Council won't countenance any repairs / improvements on structures they were not responsible for placing. SF said he believed that still to be the case. A ParentPay had been going to be set up for retirement for Lollipop John. SF said that this was still going ahead.

3. Senior Leadership Team report

(SF) HB, KC and a number of other staff are off with Covid. SF went through the revised Covid guidelines and their effect on school life. He encouraged families to continue with regular LFTs and, if a child has symptoms or is awaiting a test result, to contact the school office as well as the absence line to give the teachers advance notice.

Regarding the reintroduction of clubs, Artpod has recently started with P3, with P4 soon to follow. Music Club is starting again tomorrow with P2 and P3 class groups but current guidelines do not allow the mixed groups from P4 up to restart just now.

Re Rising Stars, the facility is being moved to a different platform and it is hoped that most of the problems users have had with it have now been ironed out. Hodder have offered 70% off the subscription for 12 months by way of compensation. SF will try to ensure that it works across a variety of devices before going ahead with this.

(JW) Unfortunately, the P7-S1 transition programme has had to put aside for the moment due to staff absences though it should be back in place by Easter.

Re P6 trip, there may be problems with arranging coaches to and from Millport. Options are being explored with other locations including Doonans. SK works for a company that deals with coach companies and said she may be able to help.

A number of sports activities have started up: P2s have Get Ready for Sport on Fridays, P4s have Soccer 4s on Thursdays and P5s have Strathclyde University Rugby Club also on Thursdays. The Rugby Club are also running an after school club on Thursdays for P6s.

Student teachers are starting in P6, P7 and P3.

JW and various other members of staff have been staying in touch with Janny John and plans to give him a proper celebration are still very much in mind. There also hopes to put something in place for Lolly John. Until a new janny is appointed Callum will be the interim janny.

(FB) P7 leavers' hoodies should go out tomorrow.

The Sustainability Superheroes have been appointed and will have their first meeting tomorrow. 10 trees are arriving for the playground. Just before Christmas P7s planted willow trees in the tippy with hopes of eventually making a willow tunnel.

Scots Poetry Celebration is underway and class winners will be videoed and shared with parents.

The Rangers charity (Diversity Wins) will also be working with P7s in February.

FB then read out KK's report. **(KK)** As with Black History Month, KK has created resources for Lunar New Year to celebrate the festival and to raise awareness and knowledge.

If there are issues around the no-car zone parents are asked to get in touch with KK who can then relay these to PC Barry. PC Barry is conducting a substance misuse workshop with P7s in March.

(VM) At the end of last term the P3 school show was videoed and went out via private Youtube link. Also at the end of last term, new Digital Leaders were appointed and there have now been two meetings. They will use their knowledge to help in class with but also to help in code club which should be starting again soon.

Council has asked schools to review their digital strategy. The last strategy review was in 2018 before the iPad rollout and therefore needs to be refreshed in order to stay current. VM will share this with the PC when it is available.

P7s have organised a dress-down Friday with a sustainability theme in order to raise money for the school garden. She has requested 250 plants from the BBC's Green Planet initiative.

On the theme of sustainability, AB advertised a new organisation, Pedal for Scotland, who are offering £1000 grants for cycling-related events involving over 50 participants.

4. Financial report

There is £8012.54 including £2500 from the Arnold Clark charitable fund won for the PC by JG. There is still a sum remaining after the purchase of Janny John's retirement gift which he has requested be donated to the British Heart Foundation. AMR wondered if the summer fair might be a good opportunity to ask him back to celebrate his retirement.

5. Fundraising update

(CB) Plans for the Burns ceilidh and various other fundraising events have been thwarted by covid and so the fundraising committee has been focusing on outdoor activities for now. At the moment there is a plan for a walking-based fundraiser using Strava which the committee hope the school could help with in terms of promotion. The details of this idea was discussed.

There are also plans for a summer fair. Various ideas around this were mooted with the school playground emerging as the preferred venue and the necessity of setting a date asap highlighted.

6. Playground

RL and David Laing have sized up materials and tools required for repairs to the outdoor learning area and arrangements were made for JW to try and track down missing panels of the outdoor learning area with a view to them, along with DG, attempting repairs on Sunday. AB said that the PC would meet the costs involved with this.

AB reported that Paddy from Afty has been in touch with Public Health regarding a large branch falling in the upper playground. Public Health sent someone to perform a risk assessment which was that there was no immediate danger but that it may be wise to keep children away from the area when it is windy.

Glasgow City Council have said that they do not prune trees and that if they were to cut a branch that presented a risk they would not be responsible for removing it. Paddy is chasing this up but may appreciate some support. JW and SF offered to discuss this with Joe Nelson (in charge of school grounds for the Council). AB wondered if it might be worth the PC going directly to the Councillors on this and related playground safety issues and it was agreed that this was a good plan but that SF and JW should talk to Joe Nelson in the first instance.

7. AOB

AMR asked JW if the dates for the P7 visits to the High School remained the same. As far as JW knows they will remain the same.

JG asked whether the school or PC organise the P7 leavers' party. It is normally organised by the school in conjunction with the PC who raise funds for it. No plans have been made yet for a disco but it would be useful if the P7 reps canvassed parents on this.

DG asked if the school was aware of the current regulations where children are expected to be in school unless they have covid is creating issues for clinically vulnerable parents. SF said that he is not aware of any families for whom this has been more than a short term issue and that whether or not to send children into school would be a matter of parental choice in cases like this. DG also asked how pupils were now coping in terms of anxiety around covid. SF said that they were remarkably resilient and that, in general, there was not too much anxiety around the disease.

CB thanked the staff for all their efforts at keeping pupils safe.

AW said that some parents were worried that children were not being given or refusing vegetables on their plate. JW noted that sometimes children will reject food if there is something they don't like on the plate but that by and large they will all be being given vegetables and that members of the SLT are always there trying to ensure the children eat.

There was a query about recycling bins on the pavement between the P1 and P2 playgrounds which, when it is busy are pushing children out onto the road. SF will ask Joe Nelson about this but in the interim ask Callum to check on this to make sure everything is as safe as possible.

SK said that there had been enquiries about getting slightly more advance notice of events such as Children in Need, etc. SK has also taken a note from a parent on pupils who are not picked for various roles they might have applied for (e.g. Digital Leaders) receiving positive feedback. SF said that the school celebrates pupils putting themselves forward for these roles and that they should and do receive some form of positive feedback.