

HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING (ONLINE)

MINUTES FOR 9 March 2022

Present: Chris Bryce (Treasurer, Chairing), Dorian Grieve (Secretary & P5 rep), Julie Wynn (Deputy Head), Stephen Frame (Deputy Head), Victoria Moir (PT), Helen Brown (Head Teacher), Kirsty Chambers (PT), Kate Kitson (PT), 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)

Apologies: Fiona Batista (PT), Natalie Watson (P4 rep), Paddy Morrison (Afty), Alan Bonnyman (Chair), Lorna MacNee

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved.

3. Senior Leadership Team report

(HB) The school is continuing with COVID mitigations till the Easter holidays. A calendar scheduling Term 4 events (sports day, book fair, trips, etc) will be coming out shortly.

Fiona Batista's baby, Charlie, has arrived.

Parents night will be going ahead as scheduled but via telephone calls rather than in person. The school is trying to keep all activities very low cost, recognising that many families are undergoing financial strain at the moment. Nonetheless, pupils are very concerned about the situation in Ukraine and the school is going to open a ParentPay for donations.

(SF) The Youth Music Initiative is back on Tuesdays for P3, 5 and 6. P4 soccer block has now finished. P2 are having Get Ready for Sport sessions with Harry Gordon from Rangers FC. The Artpod P3 block has now finished and the P4 block started. Music Club on Thursdays has now been extended to the upper school. Thanks to the PC for helping subsidise the Music Club sessions. Various activities took place for Mental Health Awareness week around the theme of growing together. World Book Day was themed around bedtime stories both to keep costs low and to emphasise reading for enjoyment and links between school and home.

(KK) KK put together a programme of materials for all levels for International Women's Day additionally a large number of books have come in which will feed into the resource. Red Nose Day is coming up and there will be a variety of activities around that, again with a recognition of financial pressures these will focus on awareness.

(JW) The P7 transition programme is back up and running. The visit to Hyndland Secondary has been postponed till 23 March due to a rising number of COVID cases and a variety of other reasons. The P7 Doonans trip will be going ahead on Monday. Since February, P6 and 7 have been receiving 10 weekly philosophy sessions by Steve Small from the Philosophy Foundation. These have been going very well. Strathclyde University students have been running rugby sessions with P5s and 6s. They are now also running an after-school athletics session for P5s. P6s are also taking handball with sports leaders (S6s) from the Secondary School. FB and several pupils have been involved with plastic-free schools and the Council Convenor for Sustainability visited the school in February. The visit was featured on Glow and Twitter.

(VM) £235 was raised for the school garden with dress-down day. With that new gardening tools, gloves, compost and seeds have been purchased with a view to growing vegetables.

P5s and 6s are getting their own iPads in May. P5s will be keeping those in school for now and P6s will be occasionally taking them home. Letters will be going out regarding this. Code club will be starting for the middle school years after Easter. VM has also been working on updating the school's digital strategy and this will be being shared when it is ready. P7 have their hoodies and their year photos have been taken.

(KC) P1 enrolment is going well. This year's Royal Academy Open Art exhibition submissions is open again for the next couple of weeks and KC will send out a message about that. The new lunch selection

process started today and has been running smoothly thus far. An extensive health and wellbeing survey is coming up. The data collected will be statistical and not associated with individuals.

There followed some questions for the SLT. SK said that some P2 parents are a little worried about the new meal selection process with children perhaps wanting to change their mind after they see the options in real life, etc.. KC said that many children were used to making choices in advance at home or in class under the old system and that the new system should provide more opportunity for children to have first choice meal, less wastage and more opportunity for parents to be involved with their children's choice. The children are helped to remember their choice and won't be told they can't change if they have picked something they don't like on the day. KC also thought it worth emphasising that although the app is called Parent Pay it is simply a method of ordering and children who receive free meals will all continue to do so.

CB had a couple of questions from parents: is the shortened lunchtime going to be reviewed and, similarly, are staggered drop off and pick up times to be reviewed? HB said the school will be looking at these again towards Easter but that with the current surge in COVID those mitigations will remain in place for the time being.

4. Financial report

(CB) There is £7344 in the bank, having already paid out £429.40 on the P7 hoodies and £500 on the P1 and 2 Music Club. In the last quarter £146.16 has come in from Easy Fundraising and CB urged the reps to encourage as many people as possible to use Easy Fundraising. AMR noted that it can be added to browsers and set to pop up whenever a site that supports it is visited. VM asked if would be worth adding a drop down to the EF tab on the school site explaining that. AMR said that a link to the good instructions on the EF site would work.

There has also been great fundraising activity from JG, to whom many thanks. Thanks are also due to AW and Soledad who are assisting JG in further grant bids.

5. Fundraising update

CB said that, just as HB had said the school felt a strong desire to help with the situation in Ukraine, so too had the parent council. The PC already had a collective running challenge in train which it now wished to use in aid of Ukraine. CB shared on screen of the poster produced by Claire McDowell and offered thanks to her for that and to AMR for producing a website for the event. HB welcomed the project and offered to collect funds via ParentPay. There followed a discussion of the details of this fundraiser with VM offering to liaise with AMR for the school.

The PC is proposing to run a summer fair fundraiser on 21 May. CB asked if it would be possible to run this in the school playground. It was agreed that, if a let could be secured, there would be no problem with this. A lengthy discussion ensued on various aspects of the fair.

7. AOB

KBP asked if there was any further news on the P6 residential. JW said it will probably be at Doonans in mid June but she is still trying other options to avoid the P6 pupils having a duplicate trip in P7.

AMR asked JW if anything further needs to be discussed for P7 leavers. JW and AMR to be in touch with each other on this.