

Kelvindale Primary Parent Council



Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 27 February 2019 - 1900
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<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1.0	Present Present: Barbara Matheson, Gillian Roulston, Barry Walker, Jaqueline Burns, Natalie McEwan, Alisdair Matheson, Tom Willacy	
2.0	Items of Business	
	<p>2.1 – Chalet/Janitor's house update</p> <p>The school are looking to get the janitor's former house into use asap to use as an outdoor learning hub and family learning space. Pre-owned school uniforms will also be stored here, and these will be available for free. A request has been made through City Building for a new bathroom suite.</p> <p>Work to the chalets is now complete with ICT now operational.</p>	
	<p>2.2 – Pitch drainage</p> <p>After pressure from the Parent Council, the Council arranged to clean the mud off the pitch. It has been in good order since then. AM noted there didn't seem to be any movement on the development of the adjacent site which ought to lead to a permanent solution. This temporary solution with periodic manual removal of accumulated debris at least allows functional use of the pitch.</p>	
	<p>2.2 – Cordia/Catering</p> <p>AM to contact other schools following the meeting with Cordia.</p> <p>School lunches - Concerns had been raised among P1 parents that fruit, veg and the most popular meals often run-out.</p> <p>BM and GR, who oversee school lunches every day, provided assurances that fruit and veg options are always available. BM also noted that since January, the most popular meals have rarely run-out.</p>	
	<p>2.4 – Traffic Management</p> <p>Following the last meeting, Abu-Zar Aziz and AM had met with the council's Collett Carroll at the school. She seemed keen to extend zig-zags and barriers at the front of the school. A progress update will follow.</p> <p>There has been a significant increase in traffic at the front of the school</p>	

	<p>and solutions were discussed.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a Glasgow City Council pilot scheme involving road-closure schemes at certain schools. AA will email council to find out who is dealing with the pilots which include Hillhead and Broomhill primaries.</p> <p>Other traffic management solutions included the enforcement of existing laws. Concerns were raised regarding parking illegally, parking dangerously, idling and obstructing. There continues to be a small minority of parents or carers who act with little regard for the vast majority.</p> <p>The meeting also discussed another scheme where a school in England was using senior pupils to patrol and speak to drivers whose parking or idling was illegal or inconsiderate. AM would send links to BM for consideration.</p> <p>Cycling safely – Pupils to be reminded by BM to be careful after leaving the immediate vicinity of the school.</p>	
	<p>2.5 – Parent Pay System</p> <p>Following a suggestion from a parent, an enquiry had been made into whether the school could adopt a payment method to replace cash/cheque.</p> <p>In the future, parents will be able to pay online for school trips etc. A small GCC pilot is currently underway elsewhere. GCC will determine when and how this is implemented. The timescale is not yet certain.</p>	
	<p>2.6 - Notification of Events</p> <p>Late notification of Cleveden visit.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Kelvindale Primary were not notified of the confirmed date and final details of the visit until 1pm on the last day of term before Christmas and it wasn't possible to send out a text notification due to the Christmas festivities. BM confirmed that in the future, whenever possible, notice should be given with details to follow (if these haven't been provided).</p> <p>The meeting noted that more engagement from Cleveden with the school would be helpful.</p>	
3.0	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>There is £586.85 in the account. Approximately £400 will be added in August 2019. Surplus funds will go towards school needs in consultation with BM and other members of the senior management team.</p>	
4.0	<p>PTA report</p> <p>The PTA continues to lack a Chair or Vice Chair. Further updates to follow.</p>	

<p>5.0</p>	<p>Head Teacher's Business Update <u>Parent Council 28.2.19</u> <u>HT Update</u></p> <p>1. <u>Current Staffing</u></p> <p>Welcome to Miss Raabia Sabir who has joined us as a Support for Learning Worker (16.5 hours) after being successful at interview in December.</p> <p><u>P6b</u> Mrs Milne commenced Maternity Leave in January and Mrs Jack is absent. Mrs Cowan is teaching P6b Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Orrell on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.</p> <p><u>Staffing for next year</u> Our staffing for next year is 22.4 based on 475 children and 17 classes. This may change. Miss McMahon (currently on secondment at Cleveden Secondary) will be returning to Kelvindale in August. Mr Andrew Murray has joined Kelvindale as a permanent member of staff. Mrs Rachael Hannah will be leaving Kelvindale in June 2019.</p> <p>2. <u>ICT</u></p> <p>The roll out for i-pads is now beginning in August 2019. School has already purchased i-pads and is putting them to good use. There is currently work being carried out in school to improve internet access.</p> <p>3. <u>Pupil Equity Funding</u></p> <p>This session, our Pupil Equity Funding is £75, 600. This is based on FSM entitlement and is to be used to raise attainment, in particular to close the poverty related attainment gap.</p> <p>Any suggestions from parents on how this money will be used are welcome. Mrs Roulston will consult with the Pupil Council for their ideas. I will inform the wider parent body in the next Newsletter. Our Senior Leadership Team have already thought of initiatives that build on current practice and takes the school forward.</p> <p>4. <u>Scottish Standard National Assessments</u></p> <p>All Scottish Schools will be taking these assessments in P1, P4 and P7 in Numeracy, Reading and Writing and we are using our i-pads and laptops for this. We are currently working our way through them. P7 have finished and P4 and P1 to follow.</p> <p>5. <u>Improving Our Playground</u></p> <p>School and PTA are already purchasing items/furniture for the school playground.</p> <p>6. <u>Organic Garden/School Grounds</u></p> <p>Parents are working with Mr Lynas to get the Organic Garden up and</p>	
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	<p>running. We intend to have a Saturday morning on 27th April 9-12 (this date is still to be confirmed) when will ask for parent volunteers to help tidy up the school grounds, and to do some painting and gardening.</p> <p><u>7. Outdoor Education Residential Trip 2019-20</u></p> <p>We are currently looking at finalising details for next year's trip to Nethybridge in March 2020. We only get Blairvadach every 2nd year and we will have too many P7 pupils next year for Barcaple. Hopefully this will give parents plenty of time to save up.</p> <p>We would like all of next year's P7 to go on this trip. School will help some families pay some of the cost for this trip. I have asked the PTA to support the school with this.</p> <p><u>8. Parent/Pupil Questionnaires</u></p> <p>Kelvindale parents and pupils will be invited to complete an on-line questionnaire next term instead of paper ones.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>BW suggested looking into the Seesaw homework app. This provides parents with information on homework and achievements. The school is already looking into this.</p> <p>World Book Day – BM confirmed that children can come dressed in PJ's, Onesie's, casual dress or school uniform. Three pupils will visit each class dressed in these options prior to World Book Day. The suggestion for pyjamas or onesies came from the pupils themselves.</p> <p>JB wondered if children could wear wellies when playing in the woods. BM noted that many parts of the school grounds are muddy so pupils tend to get muddy anyway.</p> <p>Am would speak to next year's Primary 1 parents about the Parent Council's work.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>29th of May 2019</p>	

<p>Chairman - Alisdair Matheson (P4 & 6) Secretary – Tom Willacy (P5) Treasurer - Jacqueline Burns (P4) Parent Members: Helen Ntabeni (P2 & p4) Abu-Zar Aziz (P5) Natalie McEwan (P4 & 6)</p>	<p>Co-opted members: Gillian Roulston - Teacher's Representative Advisor: Barbara Matheson – Head Teacher</p>
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